

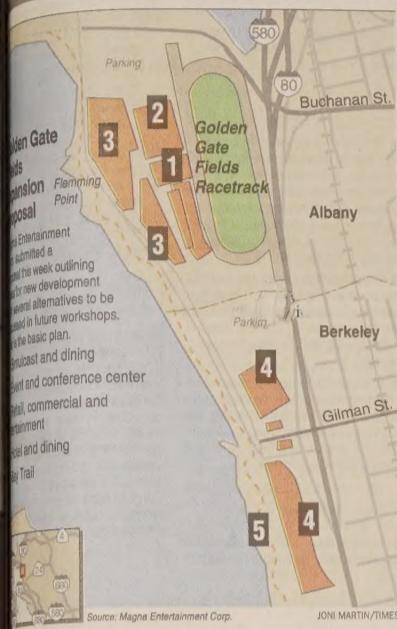
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## Racetrack plan already stirring controversy

Proposed owner proposes a commercial, entertainment complex

Kate Darby Rauch and Clare Curley STAFF WRITERS

After the midst of heated discussions between boaters and sailors over the Eastshore Park, new plans for a 400-square-foot hotel and entertainment center on Berkeley's eastern waterfront are sure to turn the plot.

At the foot of the venerable sea Golden Gate Fields racetrack could change dramatically as a plan submitted to Berkeley and Albany by track officials

Magna Entertainment Corp., owns and operates the 61-year-old track, has proposed moving the facility into a major commercial and entertainment complex dubbed Rancho San Antonio, with luxury hotels, a conference and entertainment center, restaurants, and specialty shops.

The retail and parking would move to another 50,000 square

feet.

The plan, which ends years of rumors of what track owners planned for prime property along San Francisco Bay, faces some significant political hurdles. Both Berkeley and Albany have voter-approved waterfront ordinances limiting development on their pieces of racetrack property.

At the foot of Gilman Street, the complex would straddle the two towns: the hotel and dining facilities in Berkeley, and the simulcast, conference, center, shops and entertainment just west of the racetrack in Albany.

In Berkeley, 29 acres of Magna property south of the racetrack are presently used for racing-related housing and stables, and another 16 for storage and parking.

When Councilwoman Linda Maio heard about the proposal for the site, which sits in her district, she balked at the size of the project.

"I'm totally taken aback," she said. "People have a great sense of the openness down there."

The city has been working

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## Albany selects Pittsburg schools chief

By Kara Shire

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The Albany school board confirmed early speculation surrounding its pick its top job this week, offering the post to Pittsburg Superintendent William Wong.

Wong, 54, has led the embattled Pittsburg district for just un-

der a year. He is asking for a release from his contract, which expires in 2004, to head Albany's five-school district.

"My reasons for leaving are



William Wong

all personal reasons," he said. "My reason for applying to Albany is the level of effort and assistance that the community and the parents and the staff provide. I really like to work in that kind of environment."

Albany school board President David Farrell said Wong was the board's favorite pick.

"He seems a good match for Albany," Farrell said. "He's tough, he's tenacious, he's very savvy, he knows numbers, he knows curriculum instruction. He was our unanimous choice."

Wong's early departure leaves Pittsburg, a district that has

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Colorful curbside

MIKE ARONSON (not pictured) entertains daughters Sonia (left), 3, and Beatrice, 1, year-old, by drawing the "Teletubbies" on the Solano Avenue curbside during the sixth annual Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival last Saturday in Albany. Chalk artists young and old decorated the sidewalks along Solano Avenue in Albany and Berkeley. For more looks at the festivities, see page A10.

## City looks into buying the Cerrito Theater

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A contract for the purchase of the Cerrito Theater will be studied by the Redevelopment Agency in mid-June, kicking efforts to restore the vintage theater into high gear.

"Sometimes the stars seem to line up just right and something magical happens," said resident Lori Dair, "and I think that's

what's happening in El Cerrito now."

City staff has been directed to bring a purchase agreement for the building before the Redevelopment Agency for a vote on June 17. The agency also wants to see a plan for restoring the theater as well as fund-raising options.

The four members of the agency, minus agency member

Kathleen Perka, who was absent, spoke in favor of buying the theater, citing the large outpouring of community support for the project.

"The outpouring of support for the project has been phenomenal and I think that's why we took the action we did tonight," said agency member Mark Friedman.

Before the meeting, the rede-

velopment agency met in closed session to discuss whether to buy the building. The cost of the theater is being kept secret while the city negotiates for the property.

The meeting Wednesday night was the most recent step for restoration of the theater, located at 10700 San Pablo Ave. The

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## Rookie county firefighter mourned

**Sekou Turner**, 28, of Albany was inspired to join by those who had helped him after he was stabbed seven years ago

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — Hundreds of firefighters, family members and friends paid their respects Tuesday to Sekou Turner, a 28-year-old Albany resident and firefighter who collapsed and died after assisting in a medical call last week.

Relatives, co-workers and teachers remembered Turner as a man who was quick on the job and always had a smile on his face.

"I'm happy for him because he's in heaven now with his grandparents," said Keerena Ward, Turner's cousin. "And I know he's looking down and saying, 'All these people are for me.' It's glorious and he had a beautiful ceremony."

A late-afternoon burial at Rolling Hills Memorial Park was

the culmination of a day-long remembrance for Turner, with about 1,000 people, including firefighters from around the Bay Area, attending an earlier service at Cornerstone Church of God in Christ in Marin City, according to Alameda County Fire spokesman Dave Wheeler.

Turner's casket was carried to the Richmond cemetery atop a fire engine followed by a procession of fire trucks, ambulances, limousines and other vehicles escorted by several California Highway Patrol motorcycle officers.

Nearly 100 firefighters in dress blues stood at the service.

Turner died May 22 in Dublin after lifting a man into an ambulance. He collapsed into some bushes and died about three hours later at 5:12 a.m. at San Ramon Regional Medical Center. The cause of death is still unknown.

Turner decided to become a firefighter after firefighters treated him for stab wounds he suffered in an attack in San Francisco about seven years ago. Turner was a probationary firefighter who had

been with the Alameda County department for fewer than 11 months.

Walnut Creek resident Christine Astillero said Turner had told her about his near-death experience at a young age and how he wanted to become a firefighter after seeing "a light."

"It's interesting to know he gets to be where that light is," said Astillero, who worked with Turner for a few months last year. "It's almost as if it's a reward to go to heaven now."

Those who knew Turner said he was eager and enthusiastic about his job.

"He was very excited about his new career ... He was very energetic and very helpful," said Ron Johansen, a director of fire science technology who had Turner as a student at a Livermore fire academy. "It's just a tragedy that he had to die at such a young age, just as his career began."

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FIREFIGHTERS PAY their last respects to fellow rookie firefighter Sekou Turner, 28, during his funeral at Rolling Hills Memorial Park on Tuesday.



EDDIE LEDESMA/STAFF  
EDWARD TURNER attend the funeral of Sekou Turner, who died on the job May 22.

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INFORMATION FOR LIFE

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Albany

## Spring Festival is city's first

Albany will celebrate its first-ever Spring Festival Sunday in Memorial Park, 1325 Portland Ave.

The festival will feature 10 Albany restaurants, including: The Aegean Grill, Nizza la Bella, Clay Pot Seafood House, Solano Grill and Bar, Fonda, Walker's Restaurant and Pie Shop, Thep-Naaree Thai Cuisine, Filippo's Pastaria, Rue Pair Authentic Thai Cuisine, and Celadon Fine Teas.

The festival will also have live music, an art show and a historical exhibit featuring photographs and memorabilia from Old Albany.

Tickets are \$20 each in advance, \$25 at the door and will include two to three tastes of each participating restaurants. For more information, call the Albany Chamber of Commerce, 510-525-1771.

## El Cerrito

## Democratic Club will hear about media

The public is invited to attend the 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, meeting of the El Cerrito Democratic Club, following the 7:30 p.m. general business meeting, in the Northminster Presbyterian Church at 545 Ashbury Ave.

The guest speaker will be Anna Buffa from Media Alliance, who will give a presentation regarding the structure of the American news media and its impact on news coverage.

For information, call 510-524-4659.

## Berkeley

## S.E. comedy crew to give improv performance

S.E. Improv will perform at the Café Eclectica in Berkeley at 8 p.m. June 15, providing an evening of improvised comedy and drama using suggestions from the audience.

Admission is free. Café Eclectica is located at 1309 Solano Ave., Berkeley. For more information, visit [www.sfmprov.com](http://www.sfmprov.com), or call Café Eclectica at 510-527-2344.

## El Cerrito

## AAUW welcomes officers at luncheon

The West Contra Costa County branch of the American Association of University Women will hold a luncheon and installation of officers at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Mira Vista Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd. in El Cerrito.

Cost of the luncheon is \$17, and the reservation deadline is May 27. Contact Virginia Throssell, 510-233-2142, for more information.

## Berkeley

## Flexible work is topic of workshop

Neighborhood Parents Networks presents "Part-Time Parenting? A Career Networks Forum on Flexible Work Arrangements" from 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 19 at Thousand Oaks Elementary, 840 Colusa, Berkeley.

Cost is \$5 for members, and \$10 for non-members. Adults only; RSVP required. For information, call Amy Knowlden at [knowlden@earthlink.net](mailto:knowlden@earthlink.net) or 510-526-4044.

## Albany

## Library features poetry, open mike nights

Albany Library's First Thursdays and Second Wednesdays include an open mike and featured poet.

The next First Thursday event hosts poet Ruth L. Schwartz and is from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the Edith Stone Room.

The next Second Wednesday event is the monthly poetry writing workshop, led by Alison Seevak, from 7 to 9 p.m. June 12, also in the Edith Stone Room.

Both events are free and open to all ages. Light refreshments will be served. The Albany Library is located at 1247 Marin Ave., Albany. Questions? Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720, ext. 19.

## El Cerrito

## Home retrofitting workshop June 8

The Association of Bay Area Governments and the American Red Cross will sponsor a free home retrofitting workshop for West County residents from 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 8 at the El Cerrito Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave. behind the library.

Up to 160,000 families may be unable to stay in their homes due to structural damage following the next big earthquake in the Bay Area. Homes built before 1960 are especially at risk for damage from earthquakes. However, homes can be strengthened to help withstand seismic forces, and earthquake retrofitting is considered a good investment.

At the workshop, a panel of experts will discuss how to find a contractor, whether or not an engineer is needed, typical retrofitting costs and available financial resources.

No reservation required. For more information, call Pat Cafet at 510-525-7268.

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## ALBANY POLICE

## May 20

■ Shortly before midnight, Albany officers stopped a purple '97 Honda on the 500 block of Pierce Street for suspicious activity. The driver, an Oakland man, was found to have outstanding Oakland warrants. He was arrested, cited and released.

## May 21

■ In the morning, a resident on the 1000 block of Stannage Avenue reported thieves had smashed the window of his car and stolen his backpack. There were no witnesses.

■ Later that morning, a resident at 535 Pierce Street reported her Honda Civic had been broken into during the night while it was parked in a secured parking area. Later that day, another resident reported his silver Dodge Dakota had also been broken into. Officers investigated.

■ At about 6:30 p.m., a resident on the 700 block of Pierce Street reported thieves had stolen a wrought iron-and-terra-cotta planter off her porch. There were no witnesses.

■ Mid-morning, a resident on the 1000 block of Kains reported checks had been stolen from his mailbox. There were no witnesses.

■ In the afternoon, a resident on the 900 block of Ordway Street reported her silver '90 Toyota Camry was missing. She had last seen it three days prior.

■ At about 4 p.m., an Albany resident reported that about two hours earlier, her son was walking near Masonic and Marin Avenues and was approached by a subject described as a 35-year-old white male in a yellow vehicle. The subject asked her son to help him push the vehicle. Her son refused, and he started begging. When her son ignored his pleas, the subject got mad and sped off in the vehicle. Police are investigating.

■ At about 11:30 p.m., a resident on

the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that 10 minutes earlier he had observed three male juveniles who appeared to be breaking three windows in a black Honda. They were last seen traveling north on San Pablo Avenue in a vehicle.

■ At about 9 p.m., a resident on the 800 block of Hillside Avenue reported thieves had stolen three bags of potting soil from his carport. There were no witnesses.

## May 25

■ At about 1 a.m., Albany officers stopped a bicycle near Solano and San Pablo avenues for a vehicle code violation. The rider, a Richmond man, was arrested for disorderly conduct, cited and released.

■ During the afternoon, a resident on the 500 block of Curtis Street reported that during the night thieves stole items from his vehicle. There were no witnesses.

## May 26

■ In the morning, Albany officers stopped a green '97 Mazda Millennia for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a San Francisco man, was found to have an outstanding warrant for possession of a controlled substance. He was arrested, cited and transported to the Berkeley jail.

■ In the afternoon, a resident at 535 Pierce Street reported his beige Toyota Corolla had been broken into during the night while parked in the parking garage. There were no witnesses.

## May 24

■ In the morning, a resident on the 1100 block of Stannage Avenue reported thieves had entered his residence through an unlocked door and stole items. They had departed unscathed.

■ In the afternoon, Vallejo police reported locating a green '99 Honda Civic that had been stolen from Albany. The owner was notified.

■ At about 10:30 p.m., a resident at 555 Pierce Street reported his gold Toyota Camry had been broken into while parked on the street. There were no witnesses.

■ In the morning, a resident at 1200 block of Brighton Avenue reported he had heard a car alarm go off. When he investigated, he discovered the window had been smashed. The vandal was not seen.

## May 27

■ At about 2 a.m., Albany officers stopped a gray Mazda on the 800

block of Talbot Avenue for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a woman, was found to be under the influence and was arrested for DUI and released.

■ At about 3 a.m., Albany contacted a subject on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue for a vehicle code violation. The subject, a Sacramento man, was arrested for untruths in his statement to an officer. He was cited and released.

■ In the morning, it was reported that several vehicles on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue had been damaged. One was a car, another a truck, and a third a van. The damage was described as being caused by a driver who was driving under the influence of alcohol.

## May 28

■ At about 3 a.m., Albany officers stopped a burgundy '94 Toyota for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 21-year-old Berkeley man, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested for DUI, cited and transported to the Berkeley jail.

■ In the morning, a resident at 535 Pierce Street reported his beige Toyota Corolla had been broken into during the night while parked in the parking garage. There were no witnesses.

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## Summary

■ During the week of May 21, officers towed three cars due to four false alarms, attended to lost or deceased animals, assisted seven people who got out of their house or car to get help, responded to a domestic dispute, 30 disturbances and 130 civil cases. Officers stopped 156 vehicles or 156 drivers, issuing 66 citations and 90 warnings. Albany firefighter/paramedics responded four medical emergencies.

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## EL CERRITO POLICE

## May 7

■ A Fremont man was arrested on suspicion of stealing the identity of a resident after police began investigating at 7:30 p.m. The man allegedly obtained the resident's information, opened several charge accounts and made purchases with the cards.

■ A stolen 1996 Chevy Tahoe was recovered by a police officer on the 500 block of Bonnie Drive.

■ A stolen 1989 Toyota Camry was recovered by police from Tapscott Avenue near Conlon avenues. While conducting a traffic stop at 9:30 p.m. at San Pablo Avenue near Blake Street, Police also found the man in possession of methamphetamine. The man was then booked into the El Cerrito Police Department on suspicion of felony possession of a controlled substance.

■ A man was arrested on suspicion of felony assault after officers responded to a report of a disturbance at a home on Seaview Drive at 4:30 p.m. on May 21 and 4 p.m. the next day.

■ Clothing was removed from a vehicle parked on the 2500 block of Harriet Street sometime between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. the night of May 21. A window was also smashed out.

■ Firefighting equipment was taken from a vehicle parked on the 5800 block of El Dorado Avenue sometime between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. the next day.

■ A 2000 Honda Accord from the 700 block of Richmond Street sometime between 4 p.m. May 17 and 3 p.m. the next day.

■ A stolen 1994 Honda Civic was recovered by a police officer at Cutting Boulevard and Alva Avenue.

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# Activists battle to preserve views — of trees

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Created by the City Council in the 1970s, the city's tree ordinance has been a topic on the side of the city for the last few years.

A new group has formed recently with the goal, among other things, of repealing the ordinance, which says that bay views in homes in the El Cerrito hills and trees are equally important to the livability of the city.

In cases where there is a dispute between residents with a view and trees, the city will step in to make a tree should be removed.

Residents with trees in front of their homes and those who want to keep the offending tree have played out in front of the city's tree commission, which is charged with settling the disputes.

The new group arose when Thrupp noticed the same people attending meetings and lobbying the city on environmental issues.

Several of them began meeting formally last year to discuss city issues. Soon after, the group of Friends of El Cerrito Trees was formed.

"The group wants to protect healthy trees, Thrupp says, and let people know how valuable trees are. There are 10 to 12 active members with 30 to 40 people on the group's mailing list.

"A lot of us are just very interested in improving the environmental and aesthetic conditions in El Cerrito, to make it a more beautiful place," said Thrupp.

Thrupp said the group believes

the ordinance does not

protect the interests of the community as a whole.

"It says that the bay view is as valuable as trees," said Thrupp. "It gives the rights to the tree owners to say their neighbors should cut down the trees."

Jennifer Lowe, the tree commission chairwoman, said the ordinance is flawed because it asks the commission to choose between something meant for the community, and views, meant for the homeowner.

"Personally think that it's a good ordinance," Lowe said,

## FRIENDS OF EL CERRITO TREES

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though she added in the last few years, the tree commission has only asked to trim branches and never cut down a healthy tree.

However, Thrupp said, "Our belief is that this particular ordinance and (tree) function does not serve a very useful function ... we feel that those kind of problems, if they arise, should be handled through a professional mediation service and the city should not get involved."

But not everyone agrees. Glenn and Donna Davis wrote in the June 15 issue of the El Cerrito Journal that they wanted to keep the ordinance in place.

"I enjoy my view while working with my uphill neighbors to assure that my trees do not impede their views," they wrote.

City Attorney Janet Coleson said the tree ordinance is being studied to see if it needs to be updated, and the decision will ultimately rest with the City Council.

In addition to the tree ordinance, Friends of El Cerrito Trees intends to work with the city to raise public awareness about trees through educational and outreach efforts; help protect and conserve trees in public and private property in the city and discourage the cutting of healthy trees; encourage and assist in the maintenance and planting of trees and other vegetation; and support broader environmental conservation and stewardship efforts in the city.

Group members say that trees have many economic, ecological, health and aesthetic benefits and want to work with the city staff on planting, care, planning and conservation and maintenance.

"We want to take a positive approach to this," Thrupp said. "That's a very important point. We want to work with the city and encourage maintenance and conservation of healthy trees. We want to make El Cerrito an environmentally friendly and beautiful green place to live."



STEVE MASLANKA/STAFF

MEMBERS OF Friends of El Cerrito Trees, clockwise from bottom right, Linda Blum, Rosemary Loubal, Ross Tobia, Evelyn Kiresen, Victoria Hughes, Deborah DiFruscia and Ann Thrupp pose before a eucalyptus tree at Huber Park.

## Teens can serve on youth commission

The Contra Costa County Countywide Youth Commission has 10 at-large representative seats open, and several district-appointed seats will be vacated soon. The seats are in all parts of the county and are for the 2002-2003 commission year that begins Sept. 1.

The commission is a 25-member advisory group to the board of supervisors on issues that affect county youth. Some current CYC projects include youth forums to determine concerns, hopes, and dreams of Contra Costa youth at six locations across the county; collaboration with the League of Women Voters to hold mock elections in schools in the fall; and development of a youth rights book.

Those between 12 and 18 years who reside in or attend school in Contra Costa County are eligible to serve. They must be able to attend at least two commission meetings per month.

The term for at-large appointments is two years (Sept. 2002 - August 2004). District appointments are through August 2003 to fill seats being vacated by graduating seniors.

The deadline for applications to be faxed or postmarked is Friday, June 14. Forms are available at the libraries, district supervisor's offices, by sending an e-mail to [cycyouthvoice@hotmail.com](mailto:cycyouthvoice@hotmail.com) or calling 925-785-5244 or 925-646-6543. For more information visit <http://www.cycyouthvoice.org>.

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## area facing summer blood supply shortage

Concern over the spread of West Nile disease might cause a shortage of the Bay Area's blood this summer, and health officials are appealing to the public for more donations.

The Blood Centers of the Pacific, a San Francisco-based nonprofit that supplies blood to 38 hospitals in the Bay Area, said that new federal restrictions on blood donor eligibility will likely reduce into a loss of 9,500 pints this year.

New federal screening guidelines are intended to reduce the risk of spreading a new variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, an insidious, degenerative disease of the nervous system commonly found in Mad Cow, going into effect at the end of the month.

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# Wilderness class emphasizes connection of humans and nature

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — With artwork hung up, desks crowded around the room, and children in a circle learning in front of a teacher, it would seem to be an otherwise normal class at Prospect Sierra School.

The only thing is, the kids aren't doing any reading or math. They're learning wilderness skills, meditation and how to take natural materials from the earth, such as trees and plants, and turn them into medicine, food and shelter. It's part of an earth stewardship class taught by Oakland resident Brian Farrow.

On the surface, the class resembles a Boy Scout camping trip. But by teaching the students about surviving out in the wilderness, Farrow shows how nature and people are tied together and through that, the importance of taking care of the environment.

"As we're using all these things, I impart to them the value of these things and how important it is to preserve them and take care of them and be caretakers, caretakers for the planet," said Farrow.

To the third- and fourth-graders learning how to tie rope at the school about three weeks ago, it was a lesson in having fun.

About 10 students were crowded around Farrow, who was explaining the importance of making rope.

"You can make a bridge out of rope," said Farrow, pulling apart long dry leaves for his project. "Rope comes in handy for so many things."

Making the rope required some dexterity from the children, who also pulled some plant fibers apart, twisting and pinching them with their hands until the strands were put together in a strong, tight braid.

Not all the students were getting it: some needed extra help, but Farrow sat patiently while the students sat and worked carefully.

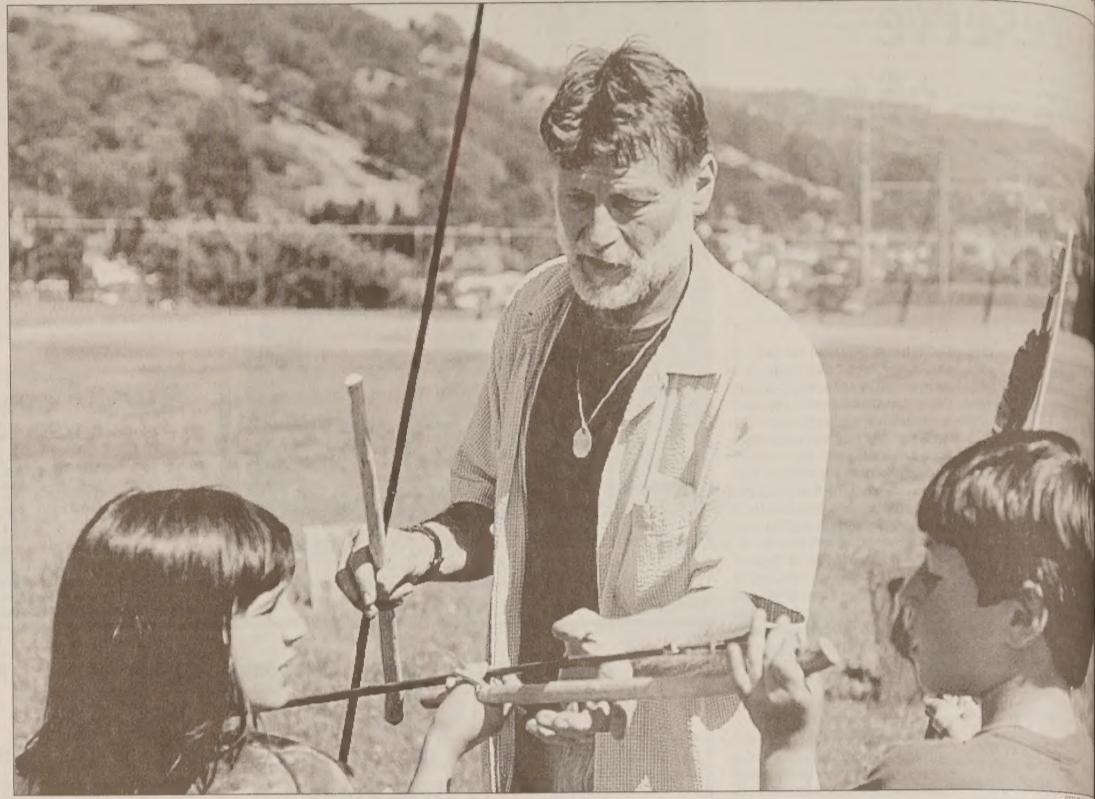
The students said the after-school class was fun — even more fun than they expected for a class they volunteered for — and that they were learning interesting topics such as how to make a skin remedy from scratch, meditation, hunting exercises and more.

"We learned if we pick a flower we have to leave an offering," said third-grader Lauren Phipps.

Farrow learned his skills while living and fishing on the East Coast. He was always interested in the outdoors and through fishing, learned about stream biology and insect behavior.

He attended wilderness skills in New Jersey about eight years ago followed by more learning in the Northwest, working with an herbalist and botanist in Washington state. He did some self-teaching and also worked with a foundation that fosters what he called the most esoteric part of native culture: shamanism — the concept of a person being able to use magic to cure illness and control spiritual forces.

Through shamanism, he said he learned the earth and the people are all connected and the only



STEVE MASLANKA/STAFF  
BRIAN FARROW of the Earth Stewardship program demonstrates the how to load a dart on to a native american hunting device to Prospect Sierra School students

way to be healthy is to be good to the earth.

Farrow said one of the most important aspects of his class is how nature is tied together. For example, he said, fire can't be created without knowing about wood and how to make a sharp tool to split the wood on stone.

"Each of these things are connected to each other," said Farrow. "You need to know more than one thing. It is more or less endless and it leads back to a much greater awareness once you get involved in these things."

Farrow said he mixes together what he has learned about herbalism, healing, what he calls Indian lore and the wilderness, and then teaches it.

Adults, he said, are too steeped in their ways to be influenced by what he teaches so he teaches works with children, who he hopes will have a positive effect on the world.

He teaches the wilderness skills part-time to schools, such as Prospect Sierra, and works part-time at the Rotary Nature Center at Lake Merritt in Oakland, where he conducts a summer camp.

"My objective, my personal goal, in my own small way, is to help save the planet, save the earth and the only way to do that is through awareness," Farrow said.

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BRIAN FARROW demonstrates the "fox walk," a native hunting technique.

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SONIA PELTZ-CURRIE practices hitting a target with a stick, a native American hunting technique, during the Earth Stewardship program May 23 at Prospect Sierra School in El Cerrito. Brian Farrow brings the stewardship classes to many local schools to teach survival skills to grade school children.

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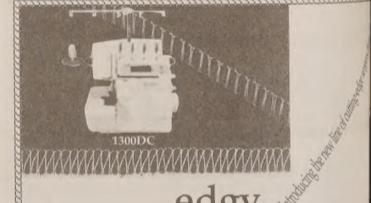


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## Polish reading skills with fun summer projects

WITH SUMMER fast approaching, it may seem like we can take a break from worrying about whether children are learning. But summer can be a great time for students who are behind to catch up, even if they aren't enrolled in summer school, and all children can use time to explore learning outside the confines of schedules and requirements.

Now is the perfect time to encourage your child's desire to learn. If there are special areas in which your child needs a boost, the teacher may also be able to find appropriate materials or suggest activities. Here are some of the ideas that come across:

**Reading:** Most educators agree the most important subject is reading. A child's success is just about every area is dependent to some degree on how well they read, and you're never really done learning to read. Good students continue to build their vocabulary and their knowledge by reading frequently and from a wide variety of materials. Reading, of course, does not just mean being able to say the words but also to have a deep understanding of what has

been read. So the foremost goal for most students over the summer should be to continue to read frequently, be read to frequently, and talk to someone about what they are reading.

Good readers go through stacks of materials. Since young children often read shorter books, they especially need quantity. So hit the libraries, new and used bookstores and even thrift stores for books for children, for the adults in the house, and some to share. Most kids love to get mail, too, and would welcome a children's magazine on a favorite subject, or letters or books sent by a relative or friend.

**Writing:** Summer writing can take a lot of different forms - letters or e-mail, keeping a journal of a trip or other activities, or writing stories, poems, or songs alone or with a friend, parent or other relative. The key to making writing enjoyable is to allow the child as much freedom as possible to select the topic and format, even to keep the writing private if they wish. Go light on the editing and advice unless it is sought out. I know we all want to pass on our wisdom to the young, but merely getting plenty of practice can help someone become a better writer. They'll take more risks

as writers if they aren't worried about their work getting picked apart. If you're going to write together, approach it as if you are a collaborator on the project, rather than the boss.

Special notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, art supplies, or use of a computer can make it more fun. Child and adult can bind the book together in a number of ways. For example, you can staple the pages together along the left side, then add colored tape along the edge that hides the staples and creates a spine for the book.

The cover itself can be dressed up by covering it with fabric or fancy paper. It's also fun to create pop-up books, books in special shapes, or use other creative publishing techniques.

Next week: More ideas for summer learning

Betty King Buginas is a teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.



BETTY KING BUGINAS  
Schools

### ALBANY PTA NEWS

#### Albany PTA Council

June 17, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., AMS Library

#### Albany High School

Interested parents may receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Molly Mitchell at [momm123@aol.com](mailto:momm123@aol.com)

AHS Theater Ensemble Weekend: May 31 at 6:30 p.m., June 1 at 6:30 p.m.

and June 2 at 5 p.m. Snacks, desserts and "15 Minute Hamlet."

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June 6, Instructional Improvement Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Prin. Conf. Room

June 7, Senior Luncheon and Awards

June 10, Site Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Prin. Conf. Room

June 10, Band Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., Band Room

June 14, Graduation, 5 p.m. Gym

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#### AUSD Calendar

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# Albany playing fields could score major improvements

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The athletic fields used by the Albany High and Middle schools will undergo about \$60,000 worth of improvements over the next three years if the Albany Unified School District approves an agreement with a Berkeley-based organization.

Under the agreement, the Rudd Family Foundation would pay for the improvements at Cougar Field, including installing new grass and drainage, and maintain the field for the next three years. In exchange, the semi-professional Premiere Women's Soccer League would use the field for its practices.

"It's the kind of thing we're looking for, some kind of alliance with others to maintain our property, to improve and keep it in good shape," said Albany school board president David Farrell. "But we need to take a good look at the proposal."

Located just north of Albany Middle School at Behrens Street and Brighton Avenue, Cougar Field has been overused and not maintained for at least the last decade due to lack of money, according to Albany High School assistant principal Randall Booker. A 1998 plan showed three ways of improving the

track and fields, which host football, soccer and baseball games, at a cost of more than \$1 million.

This school year, a group of parents renovated the baseball field, adding new bleachers, installing new grass and clearing weeds. But many of the problems at the field remain, said Booker. They include weed growth and bad drainage that floods the football field in the winter and, when dry, leaves dangerous 2- to 3-inch-high dirt mounds.

"The drainage doesn't work properly. It's not fertilized on a regular basis. It's not aerated on a regular basis," said Booker. "It's mow-and-blow." That's it."

A plan to improve and maintain the fields was brought before the school board in March by Albany resident and Albany Little League parent Mike Adney.

The director of the Orinda-based women's soccer group was looking for a place to play in west county, and he had a connection with Andrew Rudd, whose foundation works to advance adult competitive recreation. The foundation agreed to fully fund the improvements in exchange for practice time at the field.

A committee was formed to hash out the details, which will soon go before a vote by the school board.

"This looked to me as viable

way to get some help getting that field and track in shape and kept up," said Albany school board member Marcia Skinner.

Booker said he was initially skeptical of the plan, but that it was worked out so that women's soccer practice would not interfere with the high school and middle school sports practices and games as well as physical education activities.

As it stands, the three-year contract with the school board would re-establish the crown on the center of the football field so that water flows down into a new drainage system. The field would also be weeded, aerated and seeded using sophisticated methods and a specially-formulated soil.

Later in the year, the discus and shot-put areas would be moved, and a grass infield would be placed on the baseball field. The outfield would be aerated and fertilized in the winter.

More work would be completed incrementally on the football field next spring. The women's soccer team would begin practicing on the field a year from now, according to Adney.

"It should be a fully-revived and fully restored four-season field when the kids come back to school, right before Labor Day," Adney said. That is, if the school board approves the contract.

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## BART board eyes fare, parking hikes

By Lisa Vorderbrueggen  
STAFF WRITER

OAKLAND — The BART board gave a strong signal last week that it will raise fares 15 cents and move to a guaranteed parking program that would cost motorists \$3 to \$4 per day.

The board is also moving aggressively to win concessions from the unions to help close an unprecedented \$28 million deficit next fiscal year.

Even if it does all these things, BART still faces a nearly \$13 million shortfall unless the economy takes a sharp upward turn.

"We are facing a serious financial crisis at BART and we have to face it head on," said BART Board President Joel Keller of Antioch.

Keller and his colleagues are running out of time.

The next fiscal year begins July 1, and so far, BART has seen little hope for an economic rebound.

What that means is that BART must raise fares, impose new fees and take an unpopular stance with their unions just as four directors head into re-election campaigns.

Earlier this month, the board evaluated a list of potential cuts in service and as many as 150 layoffs.

At last week's hearing, directors viewed a menu of unappetizing options that dip into their riders' wallets.

On fare hikes, most of the directors indicated support for taking the base fare from \$1.10 to \$1.15. BART last raised fares in 1994. But it earmarked the new money for its \$1 billion renovation program, which left no additional money for operating expenses.

The directors were more divided on the question of parking fees. Several sought daily charges on all 40,000 spaces on the grounds that every one of BART's 310,000 daily riders subsidize parking whether they drive or not.

"It's not unreasonable to ask someone who uses a parking space to pay for it," said Director Tom Radulovich of San Francisco.

Numerous bicycle advocates and environmentalists testified that a few would encourage people to walk, ride or take the bus to BART stations.

East Bay legislators such as Sens. Tom Torlakson, D-Antioch, and Don Perata, D-Alameda, sent letters of support for such a program.

"Parking fees are fair," said Jeff Hobson of the Bay Area Transportation and Land Use Coalition. "And if you do it right, you can do it without losing riders."

BART charges for bike lockers. A cyclist asked: Why not cars?

But it takes six votes to set or raise fees, and the suburban-based directors have only recently come around to the concept of charging for parking at all.

A cyclist asked: Why not cars?

Keller said he would agree to setting aside 25 percent of BART's spaces for a reserved parking program.

A rider would pay from \$63 to \$84 a month — \$3 or \$4 a day — and have a guaranteed space each weekday until 10 a.m.

It would take BART up to six months to get the program running, so the first year's profits would total \$2.2 million to \$3 million.

The following year, BART staff estimates the program could generate \$7.4 million. That's roughly what it costs BART to maintain and operate its parking lots and garages.

BART is also counting on extracting some of the budget shortfall from the unions.

The board has asked the unions to forgo \$7.5 million in retirement contributions in order to save jobs and avoid service cuts.

BART and the unions agreed to the payment during last fall's contract negotiations. The action would cost a BART worker making \$55,000 a year about \$1,900.

The unions sent a draft counterproposal to its nearly 3,000 members: An enhanced retirement formula and no layoffs in return for the \$7.5 million.

Larry Hendel, spokesman for Service Union Employees International Union Local 790, declined to discuss the specifics.

"We want to get feedback from our members about what they want," he said. "Clearly, we have concerns about re-opening the contract."

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## EDITORIAL

## Commuter congestion

ONE WHO commutes to work in the Bay Area needs a study confirming that time spent on the road is getting progressively longer. Nevertheless, Metropolitan Transportation Commission has released the average commute times for every city and county in the Bay Area. It reiterates the obvious: Commutes are bad and getting worse.

Even though the Bay Area grew less rapidly in the '90s than it did in the 1980s, average commute times increased at a faster pace in the '90s than they did in the '80s. The average commute time for the entire Bay Area rose 6.2 percent in the '80s and 14.8 percent in the '90s. In Contra Costa County, commute times rose 9.1 percent in the '80s and 17.4 percent in the '90s. For Alameda County the figures are 5.8 percent in the '80s and 9.4 percent in the '90s.

The average Contra Costa commuter now spends 34.4 minutes each way to work. Alameda commuters spend an average of 38.8 minutes. These are the longest times among the Bay Area counties.

However, average times are quite short compared to averages for a growing number of people who commute for even two hours one way to or from work. It is becoming increasingly difficult for people to find affordable homes near their workplaces.

Cities like San Jose, in the heart of job-rich Silicon Valley, have virtually shut down affordable home building.

Business continues to expand where jobs are already filled, even though land is cheaper and the permit process is numbersome in outlying parts of the Bay Area.

One would think that the computer age would have increased telecommuting, allowing more people to work at home. But that is not the case.

Contra Costa County, only 4.3 percent of workers work at home. That's up a bit from the 3.4 percent a decade ago, but hardly a boom. In Alameda County the percentage of those working at home actually dropped from 4.9 percent in 1990 to 3.5 percent in 2000.

Public transportation hasn't offered much relief. In Contra Costa, 9 percent of commuters use public transportation. In Alameda County the figure is 10.6 percent. The numbers are up some in Contra Costa County but little in Alameda County.

These numbers compiled from U.S. census reports by MTC, along with new figures on rising home costs, indicate that the East Bay is a long way from solving its commute nightmare.

Commuters don't just waste time and money, they waste communities and families because commuters have time for their families or community affairs.

Most of our elected leaders, with notable exceptions such as the Pittsburg City Council, understand that solving transportation problems requires a regional approach that makes affordable housing and a better jobs-housing mix as well as building highways and transit systems. The much worse the commute situation will have to be, the less substantial is done is unknown. But at least the quality of life in the East Bay is eroding.

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## IT'S TIME TO GET THOSE VEGETABLES IN THE GROUND

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A special opportunity

The city of El Cerrito has an extraordinary opportunity.

A few weeks ago, 3,000 folks, mostly El Cerritans, turned out to peek at the former Cerrito Theater. The event generated community energy and happiness and enormous excitement: long-time residents came to reminisce, some with tears in their eyes, and newer residents were awestruck and dumbfounded by what has been hidden in their very backyard all these years.

It was clear that El Cerrito residents are craving the opportunity for a new cultural renaissance. And local businesses, especially nearby restaurants, were also benefiting from the activity all night.

But this is not a done deal. The city has an opportunity to purchase or lease the theater for renovations. But please let's not get hung up on the inevitable, "Oh, but it will cost taxpayers money!" What better way to spend money than to capture this momentum to transform El Cerrito and start a new era, especially when it is unmistakable that so many want the theater?

To purchase or lease this property now is a solid investment that can pay off for El Cerrito. If the theater doesn't work out, the city will control property that will only increase in value. It is plain to anyone who lives here that the area from Central Avenue through lower Fairmount Avenue will rise in value over the next few years. Those of us who live here have already seen the value of our homes increase tremendously in the last few years.

The opening of the El Cerrito Plaza (and this in a bad economy) is already off to a tremendous start. There is planning already for revitalization of lower Fairmount, a new BART parking structure with shops, and the resurfacing of the BART sidewalks.

Buying property in this area promises a very high potential rate of return. Why shouldn't El Cerrito benefit from this opportunity rather than another real estate developer?

El Cerrito council members: Don't let this opportunity pass us by!

Ann Lehman  
El Cerrito

Lehman is the chairwoman of Behrens Neighborhood Association.

power to control our freedom of choice in the hands of political appointees, to decide what we drive and how much we will be taxed on the amount we drive?

Neither Miller, Rainwater, nor the members of the state legislature are qualified to make such decisions. Yet, many of the citizens of this state are willing to follow them over a cliff because the fear tactics they use are effective.

Voters had better wake up and realize how much power is being shifted into the hands of folks such as Miller, Rainwater and irresponsible state politicians.

Gary Buffon  
El Cerrito

## Save wild treasures

I am fully in support of Sen. Barbara Boxer's California wilderness bill.

Just as forward-thinking preservationists and politicians were able to establish, at the beginning of the last century, the parks and wilderness areas that California is famous for, we now need forward thinking that will continue to preserve some of this country's greatest wild treasures.

This is true, especially in the face of the fact that California's population will grow to more than 50 million people by 2025. Let's honor and protect our wild heritage. Once it's gone, it will be next to impossible to get it back.

Richard Walker  
El Cerrito

## No' to censorship

We are outraged that Mayor Dean and Berkeley City Council members think they have the right to judge and define what is and is not suitable for people to watch, and at what time they should watch it, on our own public access TV station, Channel 25.

They think they can become Berkeley's mom and dad, telling us the national standard for "adult programming" is not good enough. We don't need them to be our censors — nor do they have the right to tell us what is "indecent" or "obscene."

Free speech is at stake. Alternative viewpoints on television are becoming harder to find since large corporations control more and more of the media.

Channel 25, therefore, is especially important. Its mission statement says: "Our mission is to build an electronic free speech forum in order to encourage debate."

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mocratic involvement and build community." And if a program is voluntarily labeled by its producer as being "adult," it will play after 10 p.m., as per the national standard.

That station's mandate is that it doesn't censor any program, and any Berkeley resident can bring in something to play and it will be aired.

Moving the time for adult programming to midnight is more than "rescheduling." What makes Berkeley so different from the rest of the country, which follows the 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. safe harbor guideline?

The mayor and City Council are imposing their own personal tastes, and the personal tastes of the few who have complained, on the rest of us. Free speech does not work that way. If you do not like a program or are offended by it, just turn it off. If you don't want your kids to see something on TV, that's between you and them.

We oppose censorship and governmental suppression of free speech. That's why we will be protesting and fighting this and any attempt to censor Berkeley TV!

And thank you Kriss Worthington for voting "no" on May 14.

Alexi Malenky  
Corey Nicholl  
Berkeley

## Celebrate our history

I'm writing from The Danceay, the ballroom dancing school at 9951 San Pablo Ave., just down the street from Cerrito Theater.

As a business owner resident in a site that has historical significance, enlightened self-interest alone would prompt me to support saving the Cerrito Theater. But I also have seen the inside of the cinema and think it can and should be saved.

Making the Central Avenue corner into something of beauty could have a real impact on people coming in from the freeway. The work at El Cerrito Plaza is a beginning, and I would like to see us continue to develop this part of our city.

I work here and I live here, and I have grown to love El Cerrito. We have a history we've been hiding and I'd like to see us begin to celebrate it and share it with the world.

Kate Schonmeyer  
El Cerrito

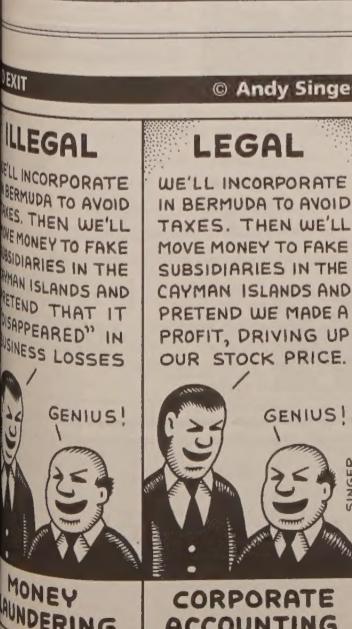
## Rent at market rate

High-density housing should be built near BART stations, but all of the units should be priced at market rate.

If the laws governing affordable housing are so constructed as to require that a single mother not pay more than 30 percent of her income on rent, then have the father pitch in 30 percent of his income to house his children. Make him pay this, even if it only means, say, a \$50-per-month contribution.

Also, if affordable housing is to be built, then what about helping the hard-working childless person paying more than 50 percent on rent?

David Anderson  
Berkeley



# Model boats, boaters, in their element

**SAM BLOOD,** right, holds a ketch and Dave Greer a catamaran which they launched into San Francisco Bay from the Berkeley Pier.



(DAVE GREER PHOTO)

It was a bright and windy Sunday afternoon when my old buddy Sam Blood and I walked out on to the Berkeley Pier carrying three miniature sailboats and an odd metal contraption. We were about to put into action a plan we had long contemplated: We were going to turn the boats loose in the Bay.

For years Sam and I designed and built little boats that sailed fast and well without radio control, which most commercial models don't. For lightness and ease of construction, we used balsa wood, Styrofoam (polystyrene) and cardboard tubes. We also developed sliding sail rigs and keels for better balance. These monohulls, catamarans, and trimarans measured about a foot to 17 inches, less bowsprits. They were strictly sailing boats, not sailboats.

We had a lot of fun, learned to make sails on a sewing machine, and came up with some novel craft. But Sam decided it was time to get rid of his. These were his last three, and he wanted to release them into their element much as people in Asia buy birds to set free in the sky.

We were launching from the Berkeley Pier so the boats would have a chance to get under way before being blown back on the shore by the wind coming off the Bay. To do this, Sam constructed a metal cradle that held the boats while they were lowered by strings into the water. There they floated off the cradle and sailed away. I put my phone number on them to see if anybody finding them would call.

The first boat off was a Styrofoam ketch with two masts and three sails. We only had one guess at the adjustments, but we got them right, and she headed into the Bay on a perfect port tack. Next into the water was a Styrofoam catamaran followed by a balsa-planked sloop. Neither of them did very well, and it looked as though they would end up on the rocks.

A show like this had drawn a crowd, which began rooting for the boats as if it were an athletic event. Maybe it helped, because just as the catamaran seemed doomed, it changed course and took off for the mouth of the harbor.

The sloop, which had been steadily losing ground, then caught a port tack and headed for the closer of two long breakwaters outside the harbor's entrance. As if there were a skipper at the helm, it sailed the length of this obstruction and toward another breakwater perpendicular to it.

It looked like an ugly end for this boat, but at the last moment it tacked over and was off for the open Bay. The crowd cheered! Maybe it was those group vibes, maybe some inanimate objects are not as inanimate as we think, and maybe it was just an extraordinary run of good luck. Anyhow, it was a wonderful thing to see.

A few minutes later this boat was picked up by a passing sailboat. The catamaran was retrieved by a motorboat. But the red sails of the ketch slowly faded out of sight into the distant Marin shoreline. With the boating day about over, I was afraid nobody would find this gutsy little sloop which had performed so well. It didn't seem fair, somehow.

When I got home, my wife, Rae, told me the finder of the catamaran had called. I called back and told him he could keep it. That evening Jim Dougherty phoned from Richmond and said he had the sloop, and I told him the same thing. I had given up on the ketch when about a week later I heard from Jesse Williams of Pacific Grove who had picked her up off Richmond, on course and doing fine! Quite a sail for a 15-incher made of Styrofoam packing material. Maybe Sam should market this one.

And there is one last twist to the story. About a month later

DAVE GREER  
Man About Town

fell into conversation with a fellow at the Berkeley Marina who mentioned that while out sailing he had picked up a model boat! Yes, it was Jim Dougherty, who retrieved the sloop. He later brought it over to my house and showed me the fine job he did repairing hull damage it subsequently suffered.

So three little boats have found new homes, and I met kindred sailing spirits. If you like stories like this, read "Paddle to the Sea" by Holling Clancy Holling. It is the story of a model canoe with paddler launched into Lake Superior by an Indian boy. Although fiction, its adventures are all plausible. It is also educational on many subjects and fascinating reading for both children and adults. (It is available at the Albany Library.)

## GOOD-BYE AMANDA:

Armanda Bennett, an assistant in Albany's Community Development Department for two years, has moved on to another job. Even in a city known for friendly and efficient employees, she was a standout.

She has accepted a position as administrative secretary in Berkeley's Office of Transportation. "The people I have worked with in Albany are without exception nice and hard-working," she said. "But this job will give me a chance to advance and try new things."

Amanda grew up in Concord, Mass., got her bachelor's in anthropology from UC Berkeley, and worked with the U.S. Department of Labor in San Francisco for seven years. Albany Director of Community Development Ann Chaney said, "She was a splendid addition to the office and helped us get much better organized and responsive to the public."

The fact that Amanda has perfect pitch and plays four musical instruments may partly explain her exceptional ability to hit just the right note in dealing with people. All who knew her wish her well on the new job. No permanent replacement had been found at this writing.

What little money is raised has to go to the patients themselves, to help them cope with the devastating financial dam-

age ALS can wreak on a family's budget.

# Help battle famous but ignored disease

TONORROW WILL BE the 61st anniversary of the death of baseball great Lou Gehrig from the disease that now bears his name. To mark this sad occasion, Major League Baseball will hold a unique pre-game ceremony at ballpark across the country.

A celebrity will take the field and recite Gehrig's moving farewell address, the one in which he calls himself "the luckiest man on the face of the earth." James Gandolfini, Luke Perry, Billy Baldwin, Chi McBride and John Goodman are among those who will read the speech. The A's will be away tomorrow, but the Giants will be playing at home, and they've tapped Brooke Shields to be their designated reader.

It's a sweet gesture, but let's remind ourselves what happened the day after Gehrig gave that speech.

The Yankees fired him. They stopped his paycheck. It wasn't bad enough that he was dying; he had to go out and find a job to pay his bills during the time it took him to die.

Gehrig's story is a typical example of the way we treat everyone who has his disease: We cast them out in the cold.

The frustrating thing is that there's no scientific reason why a cure can't be found. But there's almost no money being spent to find it, either by the government or by the drug companies.

It's a question of numbers: Lou Gehrig's Disease — or, as the doctors call it, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis — may be a terrible way to die; but statistically speaking, there aren't as many cases of ALS as there are other afflictions.

Because of their small numbers, ALS patients have no political clout to lobby for government research grants. Nor do they represent a sizable market for the drug companies. So nothing gets done on their behalf.

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age ALS can wreak on a family's budget.

Another problem is that people with ALS usually live only a few years after the first symptoms appear. So it's hard to find a celebrity who will be around long enough to act as a spokesman, the way Michael J. Fox is doing so well for Parkinson's Disease. In fact, people usually don't get active in fighting ALS unless they know someone who has it.

People like John Madden. When his friend Al Hart's wife, Sally, died from ALS, Madden's response was to go out and raise funds for ALS research. And he kicked in a hefty donation to their designated reader.

He and Al will be honored tomorrow night by the ALS Society of Northern California at a fundraising black tie benefit at Trader Vic's at Dinah's Garden Hotel in Palo Alto. (Kudos to Warren Wilkie, G.M. of Dinah's Garden Hotel, for contributing more than \$18,000 worth of in-kind donations.)

But the sad fact remains that there will never be enough money to make a serious stab at finding a cure if the only people who get involved are those who have been personally affected. There are just too few of them. Or, I should say, "us," because Sally Hart was my friend, too.

Even though ALS patients are small in number, their deaths still have a terrible ripple effect. For instance, Al Hart and Sally's brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, coworkers, friends, and two cats named Lucy and Cleo all think this world is a sadder place without other afflictions.

So I'm appealing to the rest of you, the vast majority who don't know anyone with ALS. (At least you don't think you do.) But you thrived watching Catfish Hunter win all those World Series games when you were growing up, didn't you? He died of ALS, too.

If you were ever looking for a cause where you could make a real difference, this is it.

Get creative. When I loved teacher at a elementary school died of ALS, I raised more than \$10,000 for the city's annual ALS Off. If you organize a fund-raiser through your place, check to see if someone has a matching gram.

And, of course, you

me on Sunday,

ALS Association's "Walk To D'Feet ALS" at Lake Merritt.

It's a dumb name, but a good cause. One starts at the Gazebo. The walk itself — no stroll, really — kicks off at 10 a.m. at the park. It will be there, so if you're wondering what those bodied voices really is this is your chance.

Don't feel that you give money. If you just great. But if you just join the fun and raise ness, that's great, too.

Information, call 415-555-1111. ALS is an insidious that attacks the motor-making even the simplest movements — speaking, eating, gesturing, sible.

It is always fatal, stages, you slowly die. Since you can't write or communicate way, it's a peculiar death.

My friend Sally was was going to die, but cepted her fate with that I can only hope when my time comes knew it was too late.

But it might not for other ALS patients, really say enough is to decide to conquer the affliction, once and for all.

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# Photographer counters stereotypes of small people with his pictures

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

**ALBANY** — Ricardo Gil was walking into a store one day, at the same time that a couple was walking out. As usually happens, when people bump into others when they're walking through a door, the couple was a little surprised.

The man kind of jumped back, but the woman, said Gil, gave a look as if she were horrified at seeing the 3-foot-9-inch Albany resident walking through the door.

"The woman, she saw me and she almost jumped out of her shoes," said Gil.

With human nature perhaps inclined to stereotype those who are different, popular culture has only reinforced those stereotypes, said Gil, pointing to Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs as a movie that perpetuates the image of the happy-go-lucky little person.

Then there's people who are just insensitive, for example asking ignorant questions about the size of his bed (it's normal size) or assuming they're angry at the world.

Walking carefully with his cane down his home's outside steps to his garage, Gil showed his weapon against stereotyping dwarves and other little people: a makeshift darkroom, where for about nine years, he's been developing hundreds of pictures depicting his life, with his wife Meg Weber-Gil and his daughter Lili.

"Meg and I live a very joyful life, we have a fantastic time," said Gil, who added that he and his wife face much the same issues facing other couples, such as par-

enting. "A dwarf is just a component of who I am. It's not my whole life in other words."

The black and white photos show his family life: There's his family at the beach, on vacation on a sailboat, at weddings, his wife at a store buying a dress and much more.

There's a self-portrait of Gil he took in a mirror in a public bathroom — his eyes barely peek over the sink. Another self-portrait shows him at what appears to be a wedding, showing him isolated among several average-size people.

Other pictures show trips to the grocery store from his vantage point, as well as the tire of a big-rig truck, that appears to be slightly larger than him. There also are nude shots of him and his wife.

The photos show that his life much like everyone else's, though the vantage point maybe different.

Ricardo was born in New Orleans and as a child and teen-ager lived there and in Puerto Rico. He moved to southern California in 1984, then to the Bay Area in 1986. He moved to Albany in 1992, shortly after marrying his wife in 1991.

He was exposed to art a bit in high school, but it wasn't until later life he wanted to pursue it further, taking photography among other classes, at the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland in 1986.

Primarily self-taught, he found he wanted to pursue photography because of the "immediacy" of the image and because he realized he

## FESTIVAL

**What:** Taste of Albany Spring Festival, featuring gourmet foods from Albany restaurants, live music, an art show and historical exhibit

**When:** Sunday (food festival 12-3 p.m., art show and entertainment 12-5 p.m.)

**Where:** Memorial Park, 1325 Portola Ave., Albany

**How much:** \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door

**Information:** Albany Chamber of Commerce, 510-525-1771

could use the camera to tell a story.

"I figured I could not only explore the issues confronting myself as a dwarf man but confront the issues that come up for a dwarf couple and their average stature daughter," said Gil, "and I don't think that's been done."

Shortly after his daughter was born, he started taking his camera everywhere, taking photos of his family at the beach, family functions, at the doctor's office, at parks and in his home.

His wife, Meg, said she felt self-conscious at first when he started showing off his photos, but feels it's important to have positive images of little people in public.

"I can see from the public's response, it's really important he's doing this work and that it has a documentary quality to it," said Weber-Gil who is a teacher at the East Bay Waldorf School in El Sobrante. "Rarely do you see photos of little people living their lives like all people do. I find his photos moving and there's humor in some. Just the way he shows his viewpoint is interesting and to me it's refreshing. Rarely do we get

to see our viewpoint."

Gil has done about 19 solo and group exhibitions, including one that will take place at the Albany Spring Festival on Sunday, June 2. Call the Albany Chamber of Commerce at 510-525-1771 for more information.

The family was one of three profiled for a documentary called "Little People Big Lives" that airs occasionally on public television.

Gil and Weber-Gil said the doc-



STEVE MASLANKA/STAFF

**ALBANY PHOTOGRAPHER** Ricardo Gil will display photographs on the theme of being small at Sunday's Taste of Albany gala. Gil and his wife are both dwarves

umentary and photos have promoted a lot of positive feedback. Gil said people have told him his photos were eye-opening and they had never seen anything like it.

"With such supportive and encouraging remarks like that, I have to continue going on working," said Gil.

Gil's work can be seen on his Web site at [www.ricardogil.com](http://www.ricardogil.com).



Sidewalk sights

Above, boxes of pastel chalk could be found all along Solano Avenue during the sixth annual Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival last weekend. Chalk artists young and old decorated the sidewalks along Solano Avenue in Albany and Berkeley. "Apache," a 2-year-old female pitbull mix wears a white pant suit with a guitar to honor Elvis during a dog fashion show at Sunday's festivities on Solano. "Apache" is available for adoption by calling Dogs by Diane at 510-236-0588. The event was part of the sixth annual Chocolate and Chalk Art Festival.



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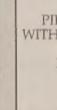
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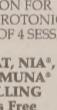
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Friday, May 31, 2002

Section B

**Weekly Home Sales** Maintain your focus on the East Bay real estate scene [B6]

**Open Home Guide** See what's on sale in your neighborhood [B15]

## charming Piedmont Brown Shingle



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**WONDERFUL 1908 TRADITIONAL HOME** at 240 Bonita Piedmont is located on a lovely tree-lined street in the heart of Piedmont. Everything is just a step away. Your children can walk to Elementary School, Piedmont Middle School and Piedmont High School. You can take a leisurely stroll to the Main Street and enjoy the Tea Garden or let your little ones play in the Tot Lot. This great family home features a traditional floor plan with four bedrooms and two and a half baths. The home has an eat-in kitchen, a formal dining room, and a level yard for entertaining. Some additional features of this lovely home are hardwood floors, a cozy fireplace and window seat in the sunroom. The master suite features high coved ceilings and a walk-in closet. Offered at \$849,000, the home will be open this Sunday from 2 to 4:30 p.m. For further details, please call Rita Harrington at 510-986-9485 or Ted Normart at 510-869-5052.

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Lake Tahoe's Jerry de signed the home. Bay Area builders Jeff Robinson and

Francisco Candido executed and interpreted York's design.

Situated on a 17,700 square-foot lot to take full advantage of the striking panorama and southern exposure, the home at 1138 Drury Road, offers considerable privacy, and permanent unobstructed views.

Rich Brazilian cherry floors and lovely wood windows render a warmth that blends splendidly with the bold architecture and creative color palette.

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This home is offered at \$1,899,000 and will be open this Sunday from 2 to 4:30 p.m. For further details, please call Mary Neuberger at Wells & Bennett Realtors, 510-485-7251.

## FINE HOMES & ESTATES HERITAGE REAL ESTATE



**OAKLAND** \$1,125,000  
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**ROCKRIDGE** \$1,100,000  
New Upper Rockridge Listing. Sunny, custom traditional home with rooms that flow into patio's and gardens. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, built in 1994. Specialty touches throughout. Open Sunday 2-5. Lois Johnson



**OAKLAND** \$849,000  
Walls of Glass! Recently updated contemporary with verdant valley views. Open flexible floorplan. In-law. Decks to lush gardens. Bonus additional 8,000 sq. ft. lot. Pristine condition throughout! Steven Biasatti



**PIEDMONT** \$729,000  
Wonderful Piedmont traditional in prime location. 3BD/3BA, Fm. Din. with original built-ins, spacious, sunny Liv. Rm. with arts and craft style fireplace, family style kitchen. Truly a very special home! Carol Cohen



**UPPER ROCKRIDGE** \$599,000  
3 bedrooms, 2 bath traditional w/old world charm. Living room with high beamed ceiling and fireplace, formal dining room, study, sunroom, kitchen. Bay views, level yard, big front door and walking distance to schools. Dana Cohen



**OAKLAND** \$369,000  
Upper Laurel - Top location. Charming 2BD/1BA California bungalow on lovely lot with lg. detached garage used as studio. Excellent value. Carol Cohen



**OAKLAND** \$359,000  
Sunny Santa Fe Style. Beautifully renovated bungalow with lush gardens, new kitchen opening to deck & rear yard. HW Floors, fireplace, enclosed yard, DCT, 1 car garage. Lois Johnson



**OAKLAND** \$319,000  
Gorgeous condo overlooking Lake Merritt, San Francisco Skyline and Bay! This fabulous unit is nearly 900 sq. ft. with Pergo floors. Significant upgrades in kitchen and bath. Lovely move-in condition and priced to sell quickly. Peter Fletcher

**BERKELEY** \$1,300,000  
English Country Manor. Superb, move-in condition. New cooks' kitchen. Fabulous garden w/calming water feature. 4BD/3.5BA. Dramatic beamed ceilings, sunroom, Wk shop, and more! Motivated Sellers. Karen Wilson

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**OAKLAND** \$599,000  
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**OAKLAND** \$1,795,000  
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Piedmont	6571 Harvard Rd.	\$729,000	Open Sun 2-4:30pm	3BD/3BA	Sarah Schisler (510) 339-8900 x 251
Montclair	6808 Chambers Dr.	\$695,000	Open Sun 2-4:30pm	6BD/3BA	Jim Forquer (510) 339-6160 x 218 RE
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# A look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

## ATTENTION PUBLIC

### Alameda Inforum Meeting

The public is always welcome at the Inforum Meeting. The Inforum is sponsored by the Alameda Association of Realtors. The next meeting begins at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 11. The location is the Garden Isle Community Center on Melrose Avenue in Alameda. This month's speaker is from the Parks Department. Agents are encouraged to bring information on new listings for presentation to the group. For more information contact **Remy Boyd** of AAR at 510-523-7229.

### Building Classes

The Building Education Center in Berkeley provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the experienced and those new to remodeling and renovation. There are evening classes on weekdays and daytime classes on the weekends. Saturday, June 8 brings "Kitchen Design," a seminar conducted by designer **Beverly Wilson**. "HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) for Beginners" is a seminar taught by contractor-engineer **Eric Burtt** on Thursday, June 8. For more information on classes and costs call the center. Contact **Sydney** at 510-525-7610 or visit the Web site at [bldgdeuctr.org](http://bldgdeuctr.org).

### Walls That Talk

The Lawrence Hall of Science, in Berkeley presents "If These Walls Could Talk: An Exhibit About Buildings." The exhibit is scheduled June 1 through Sept. 8. On opening day, visitors are invited to tour the Resource-full Showcase. The Showcase is a presentation of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority and Recycling Board. This traveling Green Building exhibit features over 50 recycled — content building products and construction practices that decrease waste and save money. For information on the "Walls" exhibit contact Linda Schneider at 510-643-8980. To find out more about the Showcase call Lois Clarke at 510-614-1699.

### Alameda Museum Lectures

From architecture to windows, the Alameda Museum provides lectures for everyone who loves homes. The slide lectures are narrated by prominent Bay Area authors and historians. The museum is located on Alameda Avenue near Park Street in Alameda. Thursday, June 27 is the date of the next lecture in the series. Watch this column for more details or call 510-748-0796 for information.

### Workshops For Everyone

**Karen Ward** of RE Loan Mortgage in Albany is the facilitator for a variety of workshops for the homebuyer. The "Homebuyer Finance" workshop is a review of the overall loan process and covers loan programs, credit reports and lender guidelines. "Home Buyer Basics" is a workshop for first-time buyers with a soup-to-nuts overview of all aspects of homebuying. The "Woman To Woman Workshop" educates women on the basic principles of homebuying. Issues and concerns dealing with women are addressed in "womanspeak." For more information and dates of upcoming workshops contact Ward at 510-559-4000.

### JUNE RAFFLE FOR OLD FOUNDATION

The Oakland Association of Realtors' fundraising task force raises money for the Oral Lee Brown Foundation. The foundation helps Realtor Oral Lee Brown keep her promise to Oakland school children, to put them through college. The task force is having a raffle in June. Make a donation \$25 to the OLB Foundation and earn an entry into a drawing for a Palm Pilot. Realtor and task force Chairperson, **Lois Harris** of Prudential California Realty encourages everyone to participate in this worthy endeavor. Contact Harris at 510-834-2010.

### LEGISLATIVE DAY

The California Association of Realtors Legislative Day is June 5. This is an opportunity for Realtors throughout the state to meet with legislators in Sacramento. Check with your local association for organized trip information or go to [www.car.org](http://www.car.org).

### BAR NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Attend the Berkeley Association of Realtors monthly networking luncheon. The next luncheon begins at 12:15 p.m., Wednesday, June 12. The speaker is **Lloyd Kendall**, Jr. on 1031 Exchanges. The luncheon is held at the BAR Auditorium. Reservations are a must. Contact **Don Clark** at the BAR office for information and reservations at 510-848-4288.

### WANTED COMMERCIAL BROKERS

**Bob Valva** of Valva Realty invites Oakland real estate brokers to attend the Oakland Realtors Commercial & Industrial Brokers Committee. According to Valva the group was appointed years ago, by the Oakland mayor to facilitate city sales and leasing. The

committee's purpose is to help build Oakland. The next meeting is Thursday, June 13, at the OAR Auditorium on Webster. If you would like to attend call Valva at 510-451-7317.

### EARN AND LEARN AT OAR

■ "Innovative Marketing Techniques for Buyer's Reps" is scheduled for Friday, June 14. Learn the marketing techniques of the experts, how to generate leads and attract new prospects. This seminar offers six hours of Consumer Protection Credit. Watch this column for more details.

■ The Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR) Basic Designation Course is coming to OAR. Earn this designation in a two-day seminar scheduled on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 25 and 26. Tuition includes the first year dues for membership in REBAC. More details to come.

■ Tuition and attendance information for all OAR educational programs should be addressed to **Mary Williams** of the OAR office at 510-836-3000.

### LICENSE RENEWAL

Renew your real estate license. Attend and earn all 45 DRE credit hours at once. The seminar includes Agency, Ethics, Trust Funds and Fair Housing. The instructor will be "The Real Estate Guys" talk show host, **Charlie Krackeler**. Seminars are held on weekday mornings, in a variety of Bay area locations. For more information about attending to renew your license call 800-54-RENEW.

### e-BUYER" COURSE

An elective course is being offered by the Real Estate Buyer's Agency Council of the National Association of Realtors. The course called "e-Buyer" is designed to help take the next step after mastering computer and Internet basics. REBAC is the awarding body for the ABR (Accredited Buyer's Representative) and ABRM (Accredited Buyer's Representative Manager) designations. To learn more about this six hour course and ABRM designations call 800-648-6224 or visit the Web site at [www.rebac.net](http://www.rebac.net).

### MORTGAGE PROFESSIONALS

The California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL) and the California Association of Mortgage Brokers (CAMB) strive to keep mortgage professionals educated and informed. Both have monthly dinner meetings, with guest speakers discussing timely topics. CARL meetings are held



**BOBBIE REID**  
Credit Worthy

on the second Thursday of the month beginning with networking at 6 p.m. Networking also kicks off each CAMB meeting, held on the fourth Thursday of each month.

■ To find out more call these organization's hotlines. The CARL Hotline is 925-746-1847. The CAMB Hotline is 925-275-2663. **CARL Goff**

Billed as the "Best Tournament In Town," it's sign up time for the 15th Annual East Bay CARL Golf Tournament. The fun begins at 8 a.m., Monday, June 17. This event is open to lenders, real estate agents and real estate related professionals. For reservations call **Frank Monaco, Jr.** of Consumer Home Loans at 925-833-9066.

### Breakfast Club

Join the lively Wednesday Morning Breakfast Meetings, presented by the California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL). Meetings are held every Wednesday at American Title in Walnut Creek on Olympic boulevard. Start time begins promptly at 8:15 a.m. Breakfast refreshments are served. Need info? Want to recommend a speaker? Call **Pat Johnson** of TRI Commercial Real Estate Services at 925-296-3300.

### WHO'S ON FIRST?

■ What's cooking? Love cookbooks? Buy a copy of Alameda Cooks, a collection of recipes from Realtors and Affiliates from the Island of Alameda. To purchase the book call the Alameda Association of Realtors at 510-523-7229.

■ **Patricia Bouie Hinds** is the President-elect for the Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter. Hinds is in Classic Investments. To find out more about WCR call her at 510-834-0702.

### WHAT'S UP DOC??

I need your information for this column. Fund-raisers, meetings, announcements, promotions, designations and change of scenery (company). I want to know it all. Information deadline is two weeks before the event. There are three convenient ways to reach me. Send an email to my new e-mail [bobbieried@mindspring.com](mailto:bobbieried@mindspring.com). Fax your info to me at 510-441-7190. Call me at 510-441-7190.

# Do VA loans work here in California?

Ask any career military person about one great benefit that the military offers that few other businesses in the private sector offers and most likely you will hear about VA (Veterans Administration) home loans.

The VA loan was part of the GI bill and the original 100 percent financing loan product that allowed tens of thousands returning soldiers from World War II to realize home ownership with no money down and no closing costs.

### A personal experience

Using Dad's VA eligibility, my parents bought their first home just after I was born in 1951 in one of the new hastily constructed housing tracts that seem to sprout like weeds throughout California.

For about \$7,500, they found a new tiny three-bedroom, two-bath, 1,000-square-foot home. Their payments were less than \$40 per month, which was a good thing.

Dad was still a Marine Corps Master Sergeant assigned to El Toro Marine Corps base in Orange County. His take-home pay wasn't all that great, but the mortgage sure beat paying rent.

### The alternatives

There are plenty of alternatives to the VA 100 percent financing program that are well.

The piggyback combination of a first and second loans, is offered by major lenders.

The most common form of the piggyback is the monthly second loan of \$300,000 second loan at 5.1% for the total purchase price of \$450,700 which is with current offerings, a piggyback loans are a first to \$600,000 and on to \$200,000.

There are even 100 percent purchase money at \$650,000 that a loan to cover closing costs. The interest is pretty, but it is a way to California properties.

**Karen Senz** is a Montclair Mortgage professional. She can be reached at 510-339-8561 fax 3814, e-mail: [ksezn@pacifier.com](mailto:ksezn@pacifier.com). Please contact her with your mortgage questions and for discussion.

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## Getting that 'grandma-house feeling'

"...397 in a series of experiences in real estate ... a day my grandma gave me away I guess she ... she wasn't going to strength anymore ... sticky, honey ... said, 'That's what she ... I just don't ... strength anymore.' ... it took a long time ... Maybe she thought ... be useful again. ... was out of commission. ... already stopped fixing dinner, and no longer ... garden. She didn't ... church every week ... last week's copy of ... Christian Science Monitor to ... Badley ... suppose, because she ... to see anything good go ... she told her daughters, who told their daughters, ... to take her things ...

... sat on the couch, so ... watching while we sorted ... the cupcake pans and ... plates. And because we ... together, and because ... House Feeling is with ... our life, there was a ... quietly as we chattered ... and forth flinging open the ... doors. ... a while, flatty, she'd ... had made that years ago. ... came from Aunt ... But, mostly, she sat on a ... cool, dark cupboard to ripen. ... still, watching, with ... scarf around her ... any draft. ... she insisted, now was alcoholic. ... kids thought it tasted just right, but she ... poured it all down the drain.

At about the same time I ... acquired some of my grandmother's things, my sister and I went "junk-storing" a lot, and we ... went to flea markets.

I bought and brought home ... to my apartment, not things ... from my own era, but instead ... things from my grandparents' ... time: a stereopticon with its ... double-image photo cards, an ... old plump metal teakettle, and numerous household treasure ... type books published before the ... turn of the century. These last ... contain household hints — ... the uses of ley and boric acid, how ... to remove stains from white kid ... gloves, and the like.

I collected faint old photos in ... plain oak frames and flower ... prints in curlicue gilded wood, ... Victorian-look, wind-up clocks, ... intricately patterned cribbage ... boards with little wooden pegs

constantly stir sauces. "Keep ... stirring," she'd tell me. One of ... the spoons, which I still use, she'd "burned up" she said, so ... she'd had "Dad" shave off the ... burned parts leaving the spoon ... bowl oddly elongated.

I took home the darkened ... metal angel food cake pan, to ... be turned hot from the oven ... onto a metal funnel until the ... cake was cool.

That was about all that I took ... away with me. I was young ... when the kitchen giveaway ... happened, in my early 20s, and ... wasn't cooking much then, ... couldn't see when I might ever ... be. Also, I probably wanted to ... believe that my grandmother ... would rise again, be in my life ... always to cook and garden and ... take me to the Presbyterian ... church strawberry social.

Unfortunately, she was not ... able to take up her former activities ... ever again. There was no ... more tamale pie until I made it ... from the recipe she wrote out ... for me. Once, many years after ... my grandmother died, I made ... root beer again, found new bottle ... lids and Hires Root Beer Extract, ... used her old bottle capper ... (by then, rusting in her garage), and ... was reminded again that when ... she made root beer, she ... put her brew into empty Nehi ... soda bottles.

She then laid them aside in a ... cool, dark cupboard to ripen. ... Once she left them to ferment ... too long; the result, she insisted, ... was now alcoholic. ... We kids ... thought it tasted just right, but she ... poured it all down the drain.

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secreted in a side panel. I liked ... having things that were old. I ... could not imagine why anyone ... would want, say, chrome-and-Formica furniture or a shiny starburst clock.

Later in my life, I began to ... bring home treasures from my ... mother's era: hardback novels ... from the 1920s, a marvelous ... chrome toaster that moves ... slices of bread through its middle, ... conveyor-belt style (there's ... a tiny round window in the side ... from which the toasting can be ... observed), and embroidered ... tablecloths.

Also, something I could not ... resist: a black and yellow electric ... kitchen mixer. It's very ... heavy, has a round metal ... "turntable" and double-bladed ... beaters, and it came with two ... opalescent yellow bowls. My ... mother had a mixer, just like it ... when I was a child, and she ... later passed it along to my ... grandmother, so I must have ... used it to mix up chocolate chip ... and oatmeal cookie dough. ... When I saw it for sale, I jumped ... to buy it; just had to have it, although ... I have never used it once.

The treasures I have kept, ... even if I never use them, remind ... me when I see them of good ... times in my life. Or, I collected ... them because they are a part of ... history, from a time that I am ... curious about, am interested in ... thinking about. My grandmother ... used to tell me that the "good ... old days" really weren't all that ... good. Things were harder. It ... took more work to carry on by ... day to day.

What have you collected? ... Are they treasures from your ... childhood? What is it about ... them that gives you pleasure? ... Write and tell me.

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## Are home prices rising or falling?

IN MAN NEWS FEATURES

In an ideal world, you would ... always buy real estate when ... prices are low and sell when ... prices are high. Unfortunately, few ... of us have the luxury of timing our ... moves with the real estate cycle. Even ... if you did, how would you ... know whether prices were rising ... or falling?

Home sale statistics reported ... in the media can be misleading. They're ... usually out of date by the ... time they end up in print. Nationally, ... sales of existing homes increased ... 16.2 percent in January 2002, compared to the previous ... month.

This increase was in the number ... of closed sales. So, the increase ... actually measured market ... activity that occurred in November ... and December. Buyers usually ... enter into a contract to purchase ... a home 30 to 60 days before the ... transaction closes.

### Statistics misleading

Home price statistics are also ... misleading. Increases and decreases ... in price are typically measured in ... terms of changes in the median price. The median price is ... the price that is halfway between the ... highest priced and lowest ... priced home sold in an area during ... a specific time period. When the ... median price rises, this doesn't ... necessarily mean that absolute ... values increased by that amount. It ... means that more buyers purchased ... more expensive homes than ... was the case in the previous ... reporting period.

**HOUSE HUNTING TIP:** Tracking ... the inventory of homes for sale is ... one way to determine whether ... prices are going up or down. When the inventory of ... homes for sale is depleted at a ... faster pace than it is replenished, ... prices often rise. If two existing ... listings sell for every new listing ... that comes on the market, the ... inventory of homes for sale shrinks. ... Usually a lower inventory of ... homes for sale and high buyer ... demand puts upward pressure on ... prices.

This happened recently in ... parts of the San Francisco Bay ... Area. In late November and ... December, buyers entered the ... market at a faster pace than was the ... case in previous months. Prices ... didn't rise immediately, but the ... inventory of homes for sale dwindled.

By January and February ... multiple offers were commonplace for

well-priced, well-located properties. ... Prices moved up in Berkeley, ... Piedmont and Oakland. A case in ... point is an Oakland homeowner ... who listed his home for sale in ... November of last year for \$749,000. After several weeks, he ... reduced the price to \$719,000. Then, he withdrew the property ... from the market.

During the time his home was ... off the market, one offer was ... made for under \$719,000, which ... the seller rejected. He then ... relisted the property in February for ... \$719,000. It sold with three offers ... and closed in March for \$750,000.

### And in reverse

The reverse phenomenon occurs ... when more new listings outnumber ... the sold listings. If buyer ... demand drops at the same time that ... inventories rise, prices tend to ... fall. Find out how many homes are ... for sale in the neighborhood where ... you're interested in buying or ... selling.

How does the inventory count ... compare with the number of ... homes for sale last month, three ... months ago, and a year ago?

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Analyze neighborhood conditions ... to determine if there are any ... factors that could change the ... buyer-seller ratio. A development of ... several hundred new homes in ... the area could saturate the market.



**DIAN HYMER**  
House Hunting

Are you "House Hunting"? To learn ... about Dian's new book, see the article ... on B5.

ket with inventory, and possibly ... send prices lower.

On the other hand, improved ... transportation—a new highway or ... rapid transit station nearby—could ... bring more buyers and ... press prices higher.

**THE CLOSING:** Be cautious if ... you're buying after a huge run-up ... in prices in your area. The market ... could be poised for a correction.

Dian Hymer is author of ... "House Hunting, the Take-Along ... Workbook for Home Buyers" and ... "Starting Out, the Complete Home ... Buyer's Guide," Chronicle Books. ... She is a top-producing broker ... associate with Coldwell Banker in ... the Oakland/Piedmont office. She ... can be reached at 510-339-4777.

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## of the week: Clearing slow drains

**DORRIS AND JAMES CAREY**  
5 WEEKLY FEATURES  
About those the "drip, drip, drip" that results from poor ... grease? How about the "gulp" of a slow drain, ... a "gurgle," "an ounce of ... the worth a pound of ... right on the money when it ... drains. Cooking grease,

coffee grounds, hair and soap ... scum are a few of the biggest enemies ... of a drain. Cooking grease should be saved in an old coffee ... can or cardboard milk container.

Coffee grounds are a welcome ... addition to a mulch pile. And a ... majority of hair and soap scum

can be caught with a screen or ... grate. A safe and effective way of ... clearing a clogged drain is to pour ... a half-cup of soda, a half-cup of ... baking soda and a half-cup of ... vinegar down the drain.

Follow this concoction with at ... least 2 quarts of boiling water.

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tons of potential! Quaint and cozy, the charming kitchen ... offers a sunny breakfast nook surrounded by walls of ... glass to allow the sun to shine in. Both full bathrooms have ... been beautifully remodeled, and there is ... fresh paint throughout, and new wall to ... wall carpet on the lower level! ... \*3 bedrooms/2 baths

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THE HOME'S LIVING ROOM boasts 14-foot ceilings with exposed beams and a fabulous hand-crafted slate and mahogany fireplace mantle with inlaid bronze accents.

LENNIE EVANSKY

## Home

FROM PAGE B1

The wonderful integration of indoor and outdoor spaces provide the perfect environs for today's California lifestyle. Hand-crafted metal work, Arts and Crafts hardware and New York designer George Kovac's light fixtures add to the beauty. The entry greets you with soaring ceilings, rich Brazilian cherry floors with slate and bronze inlay.

To the right of the entry is the living room, boasting 14-foot ceilings with exposed beams and a fabulous hand-crafted slate and mahogany fireplace mantle with

inlaid bronze accents.

Panoramic views of San Francisco, the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco Bay and Claremont Canyon are dramatically displayed through the large wood framed windows that are the focal point of the room. French doors lead to a huge wrap around slate patio with endless views.

An intimate dining room just off the living room provides the dinner with exquisite views.

The home at 1138 Drury Road, in Oakland, will be open this Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

To learn more about the home, offered at \$1,899,000, call Mary Neuberger at Wells and Bennett Realtors at 510-485-7251.

## Of grade, grain and grit

■ A crash course in sandpaper

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
AP WEEKLY FEATURES

**Q.** Scott asks: *Urgent! What is meant by the term "grade of abrasive paper" and what is meant by the term "raising the grain"?*

**A.** The "grade" (or grit) of abrasive paper (sandpaper) refers to the size of the abrasive particles in the sandpaper. Given the same number of passes and the same amount of pressure, paper with larger particles sands deeper (and rougher) than paper with smaller ones.

A lower number indicates that the grade of the paper is used for rough sanding where a high number indicates the sandpaper is meant for finish sanding.

Generally speaking, 30-grit and 60-grit papers are used for rough sanding, 100-grit to 150-grit sandpaper is for medium sanding and 220-grit sandpaper is used for finish sanding.

Of course, this changes with the type of wood and whether the sanding is done by hand or with a machine. Sanding a soft wood with rough sandpaper could possibly tear the wood fibers (the grain). Sanding perpendicular to the wood fibers also could tear them. When the fibers tear they raise from the surface.

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Another way of causing the grain to raise is to over-wet wood.

The best way to determine what grit to use is to test-sand. Keep in mind that rough grits of sandpaper leave deep scratches, so start with the finer grits (150 to 220) and slowly work up to the rougher grades.

Raising the grain is what painters must contend with after the first coat of paint is applied.

At this point, and once the paint or varnish has dried, the first coat and the raised surface must be smoothed. The second coat of finish usually will not raise the grain.

This is because the wood is protected from absorbing moisture by the previous coat.



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## 2 New Listings



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# The right tool for 'house hunters'

Nationally syndicated columnist and top-producing real estate broker Dian Hymer presents her latest book

CHRONICLE BOOKS

Purchasing a home is an exciting and challenging rite of passage into adulthood. It involves numerous considerations and numerous decisions. Dian Hymer — a nationally syndicated columnist for the last 10 years, a 25-year veteran of the residential real estate business and Coldwell Banker's top agent in the Bay Area — makes the guesswork out of this potentially daunting and complicated process.

"House Hunting" is an indispensable interactive workbook

based on the author's popular column, which offers the latest advice on purchasing and selling one's home. Unique in format, "House Hunting" is a handy workbook designed to be carried along to open houses and meetings with real estate agents, property inspectors, and mortgage brokers. Unlike other books, this one is arranged chronologically in order to offer users practical guidance all along the process, from start to finish.

The book first gets potential homeowners to ask themselves such basic and pertinent questions as "Am I ready for the responsibility of homeownership?" "Do I have job stability?" Next, the book offers guidelines in finding a compatible real estate agent and loan agent, and then simple worksheets to help determine what is realistically affordable. The following

chapter discusses every detail involved in the actual search for the house, condo or townhouse as well as the search for a suitable mortgage type.

A chapter entitled "Negotiations" is next, followed by the "Inspection Process and—Congratulations!—Closing the Deal." Every phase of the process is examined, with helpful prompts, checklists, and sample questions and contracts provided along the way.

Extremely user-friendly, "House Hunting" eliminates all the guesswork and provides the first-time and anytime buyer insider knowledge so that he or she will be aware of all options and confident of their decisions.

For repeat buyers, a final chapter examines selling one's home at the same time as buying.

Speaking from first-hand experience gained from brokering over 500 transactions representing both buyers and sellers, the author offers only the most essential advice, much of it culled from her popular nationally syndicated column and her 25 years of experience with Coldwell Banker.

"House Hunting" will help new and veteran homeowners ask appropriate questions at the right time of the proper people so that the entire experience is everything it should be—a joyous, rewarding landmark occasion.

Dian Hymer is a veteran real estate broker, and Coldwell Banker's top agent for the past two years in the Bay Area.

Her column, which regularly appears in the Hills Newspapers real estate section, has been gaining in popularity since its debut 10 years ago.



the take-along workbook for home buyers

## Coldwell Banker launches ground-breaking Web site

Site empowers home buyers and sellers by featuring all MLS listings in one location

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Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage of Northern California announced the launch of a consumer Web site that will be the first local site to showcase all listings posted on Northern California's nine Multiple Listing Services.

The new Web site, [www.coldwellbanker.com](http://www.coldwellbanker.com), will provide consumers with an inventory of more than 25,000 homes listed for sale in the region. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage of Northern California is the first local brokerage to offer broker listings on its site, just as the Multiple Listing Service transformed the real estate

industry, so, too, will broker reciprocity (also known as Internet Data Exchange or IDX) — a new national policy that requires the Multiple Listing Services (MLS) provide a means for brokers to share property listings with other brokers on Web sites. With IDX, MLS's provide their brokers with technology to help them not only display their own listings but also those of competing brokers as well.

The cutting-edge technology of CaliforniaMoves.com empowers buyers, sellers and Coldwell Banker sales associates with one of the real estate industry's most advanced and convenient home shopping and marketing tools. Prospective buyers can receive e-mail notifications of newly listed homes that meet their property search criteria, search "comparables" of homes in neighborhoods

throughout the United States and create an open home tour (with driving directions from and returning to their starting point) — all with the click of a computer mouse and from the convenience of their own home.

Additional features of the Web site include:

■ A "Just Listed Alert" service which sends e-mail notification to the client when a new listing matches the buyer's search criteria

■ Information on recent home sales in any neighborhood throughout the United States

■ The ability for consumers to save their frequently used property search criteria and to e-mail a listing straight from the Web site

■ Complete demographic and community information on the entire Northern California region (from Monterey to Tahoe), including details on museums and gal-

leries, performance halls, sports and recreation, transportation and other city-specific information

■ Virtual tours, virtual brochures and printable property flyers

■ Online mortgage calculator and other financial tools, including a rent vs. buy calculator, affordability calculator and a refinancing calculator

■ Sales associate and branch office profiles Statistics compiled by the California Association of Realtors show that California buyers and sellers use more technology than in any other part of the country. In Northern California alone, nearly 70 percent of homebuyers begin their real estate search online. More than 30 percent of those online home seekers first saw the home that they ultimately purchased on the Internet.

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 625 Centre Ct - \$308,000  
 1401 Cottage St #B - \$305,000  
 27 Lavagetto Ct - \$631,000  
 3105 Marina Dr - \$640,000  
 1312 Mound St - \$32,500  
 1209 Otis Dr - \$520,000  
 2701 Otis Dr - \$419,000  
 2438 Roosevelt Dr - \$515,000  
 2265 San Jose Av - \$410,000  
 1908 Schiller St - \$510,000  
 1217 Sherman St - \$1,300,000  
 1614 Sherman St - \$359,000  
 308 Sweet Rd - \$825,000  
 1027 Tobago Ln - \$335,000  
 1648 Versailles Av - \$600,000  
 1305 Webster #C105 - \$155,000  
 1612 Wood St - \$425,000

## ALBANY

834 Evelyn Av - \$416,000

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1618 Berkeley Wy - \$500,000  
 1604 Chestnut St - \$540,000  
 99 Colorado Av - \$615,000  
 1314 Cornell Av - \$500,000  
 1152 Laurel St - \$2,250,000  
 1320 Ordway #D - \$306,000  
 1540 Prince St - \$79,000  
 1645 Prince St - \$530,000  
 1234 Russell St - \$232,000  
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241 Colusa Av - \$445,000  
 732 Gelston Pl - \$695,000  
 1603 Liberty St - \$29,500  
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4172 Garden Rd - \$329,000  
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 885 Athens Av - \$275,000  
 1066 Bayview Av - \$310,000  
 5442 Broadway - \$576,000  
 9248 C St - \$265,000  
 9614 C St - \$300,000  
 320 Caldecott #128 - \$330,000  
 260 Caldecott #313 - \$353,000  
 4200 Coolidge Av - \$551,000  
 10509 Creekside Cr - \$245,000  
 8912 D St - \$100,000  
 201 Duncan Wy - \$602,000  
 1375 East 28th St - \$130,000  
 1060 Elmhurst Av - \$220,000  
 4240 Gregory St - \$503,000  
 8806 Hillside St - \$287,500  
 1386 Holman Rd - \$590,000  
 1317 International - \$406,000  
 2644 La Cuesta Av - \$603,000  
 1555 Lakeside #24 - \$270,000  
 320 Lee St #604 - \$258,500  
 320 Lee St #606 - \$260,000  
 1850 Leimert Bl - \$920,000  
 325 Lenox Av #309 - \$189,000  
 3624 Loma Vista - \$300,000  
 3049 Lynde St - \$270,000  
 9819 Lyndhurst St - \$190,000  
 3058 MacArthur Bl - \$225,000  
 9844 Maddux Dr - \$260,000  
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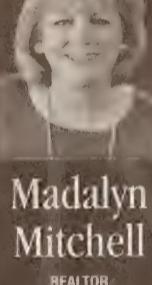
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301 ALEXANDER AVE. 2 BEDROOM. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, open floor plan. Freshly painted & carpeted. Living room has a fireplace. Large kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Dining room has a large window overlooking the back yard. Large back yard with a deck. \$389,000. Realtor4info.com, Ketko McDonah, 510-748-1177.

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 1016 Ridgeview Dr - \$511,000  
 1456 S'piper Spit - \$320,000  
 2405 Virginia Av - \$420,000  
 1415 York St - \$175,000

**SAN LORENZO**

16766 Daryl Av - \$328,500  
 17081 Via Alamitos - \$370,000  
 1179 Via Lucas - \$420,000

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TOTAL SALES: 21  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$155,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,300,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$610,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$515,833

**ALBANY**

TOTAL SALES: 1  
 PRICE: \$416,000

**BENICIA**

TOTAL SALES: 10  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$232,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,250,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$640,700

**BELCERRITO**

TOTAL SALES: 5  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$299,500  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$695,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$450,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$497,900

**EL SOBRANTE**

TOTAL SALES: 2  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$156,500  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$329,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$242,750

**BELMONT**

TOTAL SALES: 1  
 PRICE: \$540,000

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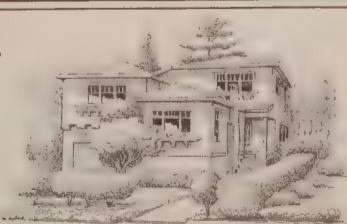
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TOTAL SALES: 2  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$26,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$550,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$538,000

**OAKLAND**

TOTAL SALES: 81  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,358,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$310,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$401,401

**PIEDMONT**

TOTAL SALES: 4  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$1,025,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$4,000,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,808,750

**RICHMOND**

TOTAL SALES: 28  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$150,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$535,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$297,893

**SAN LEANDRO**

TOTAL SALES: 35  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$200,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$520,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$353,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$361,629

**SAN MATEO**

TOTAL SALES: 3  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$328,500  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$420,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$370,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$372,833

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*Sweet Bungalow with a Huge Park-like Yard*

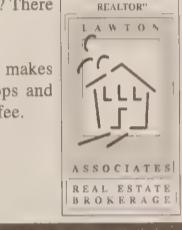
Visit this wonderful Lower Rockridge Home and you are in for a real treat. This home features 3 bedrooms and 1 bathroom, a remodeled eat-in kitchen, a formal dining room, and a formal living room with fireplace. The yard is truly amazing, it's like owning your own park. There is a cozy rear deck and detached 2 car garage with cool "barn" style doors, just perfect for a work shop, art studio, or ?? There are many recent upgrades including a new roof.

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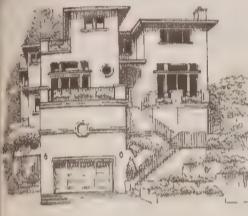
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## Gorgeous New Mediterranean



## Stunning New Contemporary Craftsman



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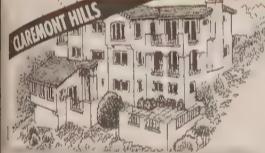
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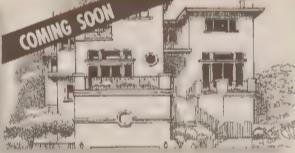
## 1280 GRAND VIEW, OAKLAND \$1,950,000

Gorgeous new Mediterranean w/Golden Gate views! Excellent floorplan and quality. 4 Bedroom, 3+ bath, incredible kitchen, sumptuous master retreat, wine cellar, home office, wonderful entertainment suite!



## 1138 DRURY ROAD, OAKLAND \$1,899,000

Stunning new contemporary craftsman with panoramic views. 4 Bedroom, 4+ bath, great style, innovative architecture, perfect integration of indoor-outdoor spaces. Big lot.



## Dramatic new home with Bay views! Almost 3,500 square feet, soaring ceilings, great kitchen/family room combo, big mastersuite, yard with fruit trees.



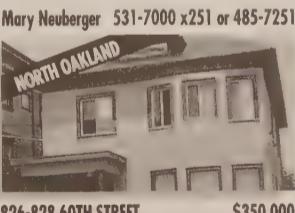
## 2608 IVY \$650,000

Fabulously large 2+ bedroom owner's units with great City of Oakland Downtown view. Other two units are 1+ bedroom's. Four car garage, rear yard, laundry. Upgrades to owner's unit.



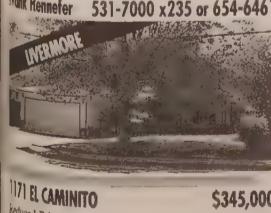
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## 1171 EL CAMINITO \$345,000

Astounding Price! Affordable starter home in Livermore. Remodeled baths &amp; tile kitchen with breakfast bar. Landscaped yard on automatic sprinklers. Fenced dog run, excellent schools.



## 3101 KINGSLAND, OAKLAND \$339,000

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## 4634 PARK BLVD., OAKLAND \$299,000

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## PANORAMIC LAKE MERRITT VIEW! \$480,000

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PREVIEWS  
InternationalOpen  
2-4:301480 GRANDVIEW DR.,  
OAKLAND/BERKELEY HILLS.....\$2,599,000

Custom Mediterranean, four-bridge view, gourmet kitchen, formal living, dining, new home theatre, 5BR/4.5BA, well-appointed master suite, 2 private courtyards, new imported doors; quality throughout. Open Sunday.

Ellen Lancaster.....510.339.4700

Open  
2-540 AGNES ST.,  
UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....\$1,195,000

Entertain in style! 4BR/3BA Contemporary: w/ open spaces, and plenty of light.

Indoor-outdoor access. Open Sunday.

Claudia Bowman.....510.339.4700

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JOAQUIN MILLER HEIGHTS.....\$997,500

4BR/3BA 4-bridge view, gourmet kitchen/family room combo, formal living &amp; dining, fabulous oversize master suite.

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2-4:301969 DRAKE DR.,  
MONTCLAIR.....\$999,000

Move right in &amp; enjoy expansive views of SF Bay, SF, 3 bridges &amp; beyond. Built in 1999, this stylish 4BR/3BA Contemporary has a gourmet granite kitchen/family room, formal dining, two fireplaces, master suite w/view &amp; limestone bath.

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## UPPER ROCKRIDGE

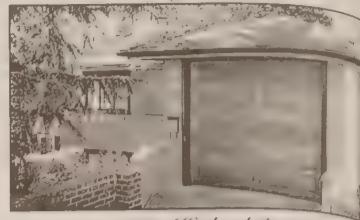
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1881 Harbord Drive

Charming Traditional Offered at \$599,000  
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This trophy property is in excellent condition and ideally located close to the UC Berkeley Campus and the Gourmet Ghetto. The 11 units are situated around a beautiful central courtyard. Each unit features hardwood floors, individual forced air heat and is separately metered. Rents have substantial upside potential.

Open Sunday, June 2nd, 2-4 PM

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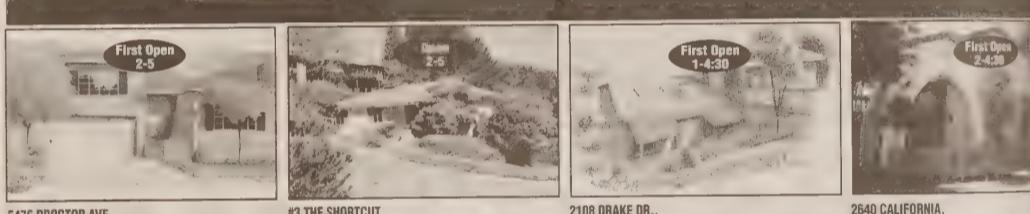
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OPEN SATURDAY

OPEN SUNDAY



741-75 HILGERT CIRCLE, HADDOCK HILL

Saturday 1-4: Handsome 5-pix in convenient location. Nice natural, gmt inviting outlook

Ruby Ng/Karen Lum.....\$659,000

510.339.4700

FIRST OPEN

10 ORMINDALE CT., MONTCLAIR.....\$875,000

Sunday 2-4:30. Architecturally designed/light-filled Contemporary w/gourmet kitchen, granite, HWF, master suite, 2 FP, 4BR/2.5BA.

Lydia Naya.....\$510,339,4700

510.339,4700

4047 BARNER, LINCOLN HEIGHTS.....\$535,000

Sunday 2-5: Beautiful vu home. 1st time ever on market! Split-level, dramatic &amp; spacious. Gorgeous HWF, level yard, 3-BR/1.5-BBA.

Rachel Baller.....\$510,339,4700

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2118 CARLETON ST., BERKELEY.....\$425,000

Sunday 2-4:30. Bungalow style home w/formal DR, hardwood floors throughout, 3BR/1BA, a 1 car garage &amp; nice yard. Near Berkeley Bowl.

Kim Marienthal.....\$510,486,1495

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OPEN SUNDAY

808 ARLINGTON, BERKELEY.....\$1,035,000

Sunday 2-4:30. Updated Mediterranean w/ Golden Gate &amp; Bay Bridge views. 4BR/3.5BA, formal living &amp; dining rooms, large rec. room, master suite &amp; level back yard.

Victor Fierro.....\$510,339,4700

510.339,4700

6757 SORRIBA RD., MONTCLAIR.....\$759,000

Sunday 2-4:30. 1988 Contemporary with pizza! Soaring ceilings and well-placed windows create a great indoor/outdoor feeling. Larger lot, exceptional yard! FDR, kitchen/family room combo, office, FP, 3BR/2.5BA, 2-car garage.

Karen Lum.....\$510,339,4700

510.339,4700

2530 CAMINO LENADA, PIEDMONT PINES.....\$625,000

Sunday 2-4:30. Cape Cod charm, gleaming floors, fabulous garden! Walk to school.

Ruby Ng/Karen Lum.....\$510,339,4700

510.339,4700

5126 SIMONI DR., EL SORIBA.....\$595,000

Sunday 1-4: Totally remodeled after fire! 4BR/3BA, family room w/FP, living room w/FP formal dining, eat-in kitchen, level yard, new roof.

Phyllis Wherry.....\$510,339,4700

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LOTS

7089 ELVERTON.....\$299,000

Spectacular ar frontage, great views, design review approved plans.

David Eckert.....\$510,339,4700

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2108 DRAKE DR.,  
MONTCLAIR.....\$495,000

3-BR 2.5BA Contemporary. Vaulted ceilings, updated kitchen, family room - many more upgrades, wooded views, enclosed carport. Open Sunday.

Victor Ratto.....\$510,339,4700

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Rita Zwerding.....\$510,339,4700

BY APPOINTMENT

OAKLAND HILLS.....

Rare 4BR/3BA, large lot, basketball court, view, entertainment room, waterfall, Jacuzzi, plus many more.

Charles Hicks.....\$510,339,4700

BERKELEY.....

Wonderful Queen Anne on tree-lined street w/vu of the Bay &amp; Mt. Tam. Three large units, own foundation &amp; roof, large back yard.

Victor Fierro.....\$510,339,4700

PIEDMONT.....

2-BR/1.5BA, two-story Brown Shingle on nearly 1/4 acre in original condition; newer foundation &amp; roof, FP, DR, PP, deck, garage.

Victor Fierro.....\$510,339,4700

LAKE MERRITT LUXURY.....

Lakeview condo in prestge building, hardwood floors, fireplace, formal dining room, new recessed lighting, charm.

Lydia Naya.....\$510,339,4700

OAKLAND DREAM.....

Redwood Heights side of the Laurel District. 3-BR/2BA w/incredible kitchen remodel, formal DR, sunroom w/office &amp; a huge lot!

Barbara &amp; Kim Marienthal.....\$510,339,4700

SAN FRANCISCO, PACIFIC HEIGHTS.....

Condo in historic building! 1BR/1BA, sunny, newly remodeled kitchen, deck, parking &amp; very low HOA.

Elizabeth Malakian.....\$510,339,4700

LAKESHORE.....

Charming Lakeshore Craftsman home offers beautiful HWF, living room w/original built-in cab. Sunroom, sunny bright bedrooms, dining room w/formal appeal, new bathroom, kitchen w/breakfast nook &amp; a large, fantastic tranquil garden &amp; yard.

Reva Tolbert.....\$510,339,4700

NEWARK.....

Spacious, ground-level, end-unit condo. 3BR/2BA, one-car garage + carport, built in 1985. Freshly painted, new carpet, new appliances.

Elena Stole.....\$510,339,4700

NO. BERKELEY CONDO.....

In renovated Neo-Colonial, a 1-BR/1BA condo w/granite kitchen counters, hardwood floors, attached garage + extra outside storage.

Barbara &amp; Kim Marienthal.....\$510,339,4700

BERKELEY CONDO.....

Garden level 1BR/1BA in beautifully restored triplex. Terrific bath, new appliances, washer/dryer + a large, fine, rare pied-a-terre.

Sarah Shankman.....\$510,339,4700

BUYER NEEDS

In the Berkeley or Oakland Hills, 4BR/2BA home up to \$1,200,000.

Please call Josh Whitmer.....\$510,339,4700

Piedmont or Montclair area. Minimum 3BR/1BA, some level yard, up to \$1,000,000.

Please call Maura Allen.....\$510,339,4700

Preferably in Berkeley Hills &amp; Thousand Oaks area. 4BR/2BA home up to \$700,000.

Please call Kim &amp; Barbara Marienthal.....\$510,339,4700

Light-filled contemporary in Berkeley. 3BR/2BA plus garden. Up to \$1,000,000.

Please call Nadine Del.....\$510,339,4700

Elmwood Avenue School, 3-BR/2BA, sunny yard, fixer o.k. Up to \$700,000.

Please call Sarah Shankman.....\$510,339,4700

Rockridge or No. Berkeley, 2BR or more. Craftsman or classic bungalow up to \$500,000.

Please call Bobbie Giarratana.....\$510,339,4700

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## PIEDMONT - OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 P.M.



**74 DUDLEY AVENUE** \$1,195,000  
50's contemporary in Upper Piedmont w/space & privacy. 4BR/3BA, library, rumpus & gym. Huge deck & garden. Great outdoor living spaces. Carin Caroe



**455 MOUNTAIN AVENUE** \$1,085,000  
The home you have been waiting for. Warm traditional w/lots of space. 5BR/3BA, den, rumpus room & country kitchen. Sandra Vogl



**1121 RANLEIGH WAY** \$629,000  
Elegant & sophisticated w/updated kitchen & bath, hardwood floors, French doors open to a delightful level garden & patio. 2BR/1BA. A real jewel. Elizabeth Dickson

## PIEDMONT - BY APPOINTMENT

**MAGNIFICENT ESTATE** \$4,895,000  
Gorgeous 5+ acre property nestled in the Piedmont hills. Play tennis on the new championship tennis court or simply enjoy the flora & fauna. Anian Petit Tunney

**MEDITERRANEAN GEM** \$1,860,000  
Mediterranean showcase w/expansive gardens, European kitchen, sumptuous master retreat. The perfect place for comfort & harmony. Sandra Vogl

**PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL** \$949,000  
Gracious traditional located on a charming cul-de-sac, this lovely home has 3+BR/2.5BA & a designer kitchen & inviting garden. Elizabeth Dickson

**PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL** \$819,000  
(Circa 1914) two story traditional w/3+BR/1.5BA, office off entry & family room. Beautiful detailing & hardwood floors. Linda McClain

**PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL** \$799,000  
Fabulous Palm Drive Piedmont traditional near Wildwood School. 3+BR/1++BA, level front & back garden. Sunny & bright eat-in kitchen. Debbi DiMaggio

**SUNNY PIEDMONT HOME** \$675,000  
Sunny Piedmont home surrounded by a spacious garden. Huge basement with workshop and office. Two car garage w/ample storage. Erika Celestre

## BERKELEY &amp; KENSINGTON - OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

**186 HILLCREST ROAD** \$989,000  
Randall English on double lot in coveted neighborhood. Architectural treasure updated w/new bathrooms, great closets & eat-in kitchen. 4+BR/3BA, 3 car garage. Katherine Cooper

**1182 MILLER AVENUE** \$925,000  
Early Edward Levitch design. Rich contemporary. Spacious & exciting 3+BR/2.5BA in a gorgeous private setting with captivating San Francisco view! Ruth Frassetto

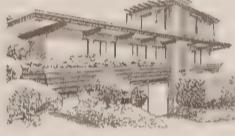
**86 HILLCREST ROAD** \$775,000  
Charming, sunny Claremont traditional w/4BR/2BA. Large living room with Bay view & built-ins. Hardwood floors throughout. Carolyn Jones



**1520 CEDAR STREET** \$619,000  
Striking architect remodeled kitchen! Family room w/media center! Master suite w/sitting room. Dining room w/built-ins. 3+BR/2BA + office. Lush gardens. Chris Cohn

**30 PARNASSUS ROAD** \$649,000  
Exquisite airy w/breathtaking Bay view! Dramatic open design w/French doors to decks looking west. Great privacy! 3BR/2BA. Tricia Swift

**BERKELEY - BY APPOINTMENT**



**BERKELEY COMPOUND** \$2,495,000  
Gated park-like setting. Extensively renovated. Includes 3+BR/3.5BA main house, two 1BR apts. Meditation studio + extra lot. Extraordinary property! Susie Schevill

**STUNNING VIEWS!** \$2,195,000  
Claremont Hills. Brand new w/4 bridge view privacy, elegant & stylish spaces for today's lifestyle. Large terraces, fabulous master suite. Debra J. Dryden

**BERKELEY TUDOR** \$899,000  
Wonderful Tudor, rich with character & architectural detail. 4BR/1.5BA, fabulous living room & professionally terraced garden. Ruth Frassetto

**ELMWOOD CRAFTSMAN** \$840,000  
Built in 1910, this wonderful property is situated close to College Ave. shopping. 4+BR/2BA + Susie Schevill

**NORTH BERKELEY HILLS** \$635,000  
COMING SOON. Architect's own home w/3BR + studio/guest quarters. The landscaped lot offers privacy & a secluded inner courtyard. A striking design. Bebe McRae

**CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW** \$550,000  
Exquisite Thousand Oaks Craftsman bungalow. 2BR/1BA w/original detailing & beautifully remodeled kitchen opening to sunny garden. Near Solano Ave. Ron Eggerman

**PARISIAN ELEGANCE** \$429,000  
Classic architecture remodeled BA & modern kitchen! This approx. 1400 sq. ft. 2-story condo is perfect for gatherings. 2 blocks to UC & minutes from Gourmet Ghetto. Chris Cohn

**BERKELEY VICTORIAN** \$439,000  
Handsome Victorian, nicely restored. Cook's kitchen 2+BB/2BA. Large in-law unit w/separate entrance. Attic expansion potential. Annie Walrand

**BERKELEY BUNGALOW** \$429,000  
Kitchen for entertainers & chefs! Lush private garden. French doors. Entertainment deck. Near BART & UC Campus. 2 BR/1BA. Chris Cohn

**HOME AT LAST!** \$329,000  
Lovely updated kitchen & bath, living room w/fireplace, formal dining room, oversized lot w/play area. Detached garage & lots of additional off st. parking. Carolyn Jones

## OAKLAND - OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 P.M.

**5953 MANCHESTER DRIVE** \$1,825,000  
Beautiful rebuild of 30's Monterey colonial! Fabulous Bay views! 5+BR/4BA, large family room, two-car garage, landscaped gardens! Bebe McRae

**6023 SKYLINE BOULEVARD** \$1,595,000  
Sun-filled Mediterranean. Lovely windows w/sweeping Bay views! Kitchen/family room opens to garden. Media room/office, den & wine room. 4+BR/3BA. Erika Celeste

**83 CASTLE PARK WAY** \$995,000  
Charming Piedmont Pines Bay view home for today's contemporary life-style. Remodeled w/style. 3BR/2BA + sparkling pool & view deck. Privacy galore. Jean Simmons

**154 SONIA STREET** \$825,000  
Enchantment in Upper Rockridge! A wonderful 4BR/3BA traditional w/family room, rumpus room & level garden. Near Hillcrest School. Linda McClain

**869 TRESTLE GLEN ROAD** \$799,000  
Lovely Georgian, ideal floorplan, 4BR, office, light & bright living room, master suite w/fireplace, formal dining, breakfast room, all in a lovely creekside setting. Judith Cain

**7086 MARLBOROUGH TERR** \$775,000  
This dramatic 4BR/2BA contemporary has it all: views, space, light, huge master suite w/sauna & big whirlpool tub-for-two. Close to shops & freeways. Nacio Brown

**5541 MAXWELTON ROAD** \$699,000  
New England Cape Cod classic floor plan. 3BR/1.5BA, great detail, charming sun room, private gardens & patio. Perfect location. Sandra Vogl

**232 MODOC AVENUE** \$549,000  
Charming Rockridge home features an exquisite SF Bay & Golden Gate view, terraced garden w/fruit trees & 2BR/1BA. Separate studio w/ full bath. Sherry Benninger

**280 MATHER STREET** \$489,000  
Charming duplex 2BR/1BA, fireplace, hardwood floors upstairs, spacious 1BR/1BA lower unit, sunny rear garden, new roof & partial new foundation. Karen Starr



**5845 AMY DRIVE** \$949,000  
Redesigned throughout. Beautiful kitchen/FR, level out to gardens & patio. Formal dining room, hardwood floors, 5BR/3 full BA, incl master & guest suite. Kurt Buchholz

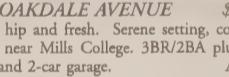
**4840 PROCTOR AVENUE** \$949,000  
Fabulous Upper Rockridge Mediterranean w/wonderful outdoor spaces. Gorgeous San Francisco views, 4BR/3BA, family room & lovely, luscious gardens. Debbi DiMaggio



**980 SUNNYHILLS ROAD** \$730,000  
A charming home in Crocker Highlands. Fabulous indoor/outdoor living for entertainment. Family room off kitchen. Great architectural detail. Anian Petit Tunney

**6200 OAKDALE AVENUE** \$350,000  
Stylish, hip and fresh. Serene setting, conveniently located near Mills College. 3BR/2BA plus 2 home offices and 2-car garage. Ann Feste

**5820 BALMORAL DRIVE** \$719,000  
Stylish & updated! New kitchen for the serious cook. Enjoy the private gardens off the spacious family room. Great master suite. Angela Wei Grubb



**607 BELOIT AVENUE** \$695,000  
Stunning contemporary near Tilden Park! Beautiful updated kitchen and baths plus spacious family room. Linda Wolan

## OAKLAND &amp; ORINDA - BY APPOINTMENT

**CLAREMONT PINES** \$2,300,000  
Exquisite custom-built home w/spectacular views. Four bedroom suites & entertainment room. Master craftsmanship & quality detailing throughout. John Karmay

**UNIQUE ESTATE** \$1,945,000  
ORINDA. A unique estate with guest cottage. Handcrafted by artist with exotic woods, tiles and slate. A masterpiece. Mavis Delacroix

**STATELY HAMPEL HOUSE** \$649,000  
Stately Craftsman with traditional styling, elegant details & upgrades. Original built-ins, unique lot w/gardens. 4+BR/2BA + sunroom. Lori Lombardo

**ROCKRIDGE TRADITIONAL** \$499,000  
Sunny close-in and all level home w/ custom kitchen and huge entertainment deck. The open floor plan includes 3BR/2BA, office or den. Sandra Vogl

**SECLUDED RANCH HOME** \$389,000  
Move in condition. 3BR/1.5 BA + family room. Newer kitchen. Secluded large lot w/some south Bay views. Affordable! Helen Buty

**MONTCLAIR CHARMER** \$339,000  
This charming Montclair home is nestled in a beautiful wooded setting. 2BR/1.25BA, den, cozy living room with hardwood floors & fireplace. Sherry Benninger

**TEMESCAL DUPLEX** \$315,000  
Charming Victorian duplex in the popular Temescal neighborhood. Great for owner occupant! Great investment opportunity. Tricia Swift

**MAXWELL PARK FIXER** \$199,000  
Loaded w/charm & potential! 2BR/1BA, formal dining room, living room w/fireplace, spacious kitchen that opens to garden. Susie Schevill

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**Berkeley****Oakland**

**\$529,000 1620-1822 Francisco St.** Charming duplex with guest cottage. Owner's unit has 1bd, 1ba. Upper unit has 1bd, 1ba and large rear deck. Walk at ground floor has separate entrance with full bath. Private patio. Kathy 510-814-4706

**\$650,000 Landi.** Approx. 24,400 sq. ft. Approved project to build 16 condos! Kathy 510-814-4700

**Oakland**

**\$38,800 Hillmont Dr.** Small Lot with water view. Buyer to check with city of Oakland as to building status. Approx 4400 sq. ft. Donnaciel 510-814-4826

**\$225,000 930 Pine St.** Perfect for live/work. Approx. 1400 sq. ft. 14' ceiling, skylights, & roll up door. Needs work! Good location. Kathy 510-814-4706

**\$249,000 6415 Flora St., 1st OPEN SUN 2-4.** Cozy 3 bd, 2 ba Cottage Perfect starter home. Updated kitchen & baths. Kathy 510-814-4706

**\$268,000 2621 Eastman Ave.** 1st OPEN SUN 2-4. Cozy 3 bd, 2 ba. Cottagel Perfect starter home. Updated kitchen & baths. Kathy 510-814-4839

**\$249,000 1366 34th St. OPEN SAT & SUN 10-4.** Live-work opportunity in loft-style converted Victorian. New foundation. Downstairs legal height. Wonderful raised garden. Can be used residential or commercial. Kathy 510-814-4705

**\$329,000 3204 Ette St., 1st OPEN SAT & SUN 2-4.** On Emeryville border, 2 bd 2 ba, modern loft style townhome with large 1-car attached garage. Kathy 510-814-4706

**\$350,000 Mountain View Ave.** Lot with a view! Private and secluded. Upscale homes in area. Janice 510-814-4848

**\$359,000 1464, 34th St.** 3 new lots near Emeryville border. 1bd, 2 ba, open floor plan, granite counters, design, 5 year limited warranty by owner. VIRTUAL TOUR ON: [www.hbrhomes.com](http://www.hbrhomes.com) Kathy 510-814-4706

**Pleasant Hill**

**\$319,000 3 Royston Walk.** Large immaculate single level (1 fl.) unit with view of the hills. Includes 2 bd, 2 ba, 2 car garage, decked car port. Balcony with custom awning. Quiet yet close to shopping and entertainment. Kathy 510-814-4840

**PENDING**

**\$298,000 13723 Seagate Dr.** NO PENDING. Very bright and airy 2 bd, 2 ba, 2 car garage. All appliances included. Monarch Bay gold course. Tere 510-814-4840

**PENDING**

**\$298,000 14390 Outrigger Dr.** Lovely downstairs unit facing the courtyard! 2bd, 2 ba, all appliances included. Separate garage! Newer carpet & paint. Tere 510-814-4840

**PENDING**

**\$299,000 14315 Seagate Dr., 1st OPEN SAT & SUN 2-4.** Wonderful end unit location! 2 bd, 2 ba, newer carpeting throughout. Interior paint. Private balcony, garage and carport. Donn 510-814-4854

**PENDING**

**\$329,000 14646 Outrigger Dr.** Beautiful 3 bd, 2.5 ba townhome. Move-in condition! Upstairs laundry. Attached 2-car garage. Spacious kitchen. Large back yard. Tere 510-814-4840

**PENDING**

**\$360,000 14321 Seagate Dr.** Large 3 bd, 2.5 ba townhome with upstairs laundry. Attached 2-car garage. Spacious kitchen. Large back yard. Tere 510-814-4840

**PENDING**

**\$329,000 14666 Outrigger Dr.** Beautiful 3 bd, 2.5 ba townhome. Move-in condition! Upstairs laundry. Attached 2-car garage. Spacious kitchen. Large back yard. Tere 510-814-4840

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10 GRAND VIEW DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
1/2 acre home. Top of the world  
Berkeley Hills Point w/5 bridge  
fabulous floor plan, superb quality.  
4BA, Teri Carlisle x1305

**PALM** \$2,195,000  
PERSHING DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
Private estate on the Piedmont side of  
Berkeley. Approx. 1/2 acre of gardens. Panoramic  
views. Gourmet kitchen, high tech media/  
5+BR/4+BA. In outstanding  
condition. Helen Danhakl x1356

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE** \$1,595,000  
ACACIA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
nic & elegant Claremont Pines home.  
5BA, gourmet kitchen, luxurious  
in-law separate suite on lower level.  
Large gardens, Tuscan-like view. Dee  
Knowland x1318

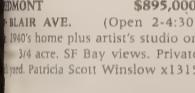
**MONTCLAIR** \$1,049,000  
MAZUELA DR. (Open 2-5)  
Listed! Striking level-in contemporary  
1/2 acre level lot. Wonderful floor  
plan. 5+BR/4+BA, gorgeous master suite.  
Large 3-car garage & city views. Fritz  
Hirsch x1348



**UPPER ROCKRIDGE** \$975,000  
LAURENA VISTA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Listed! Great custom 4BR/2.5BA  
built in 1994. Formal dining, gourmet  
kitchen/breakfast rm combo, lovely outdoor  
& bay views. Dee Knowland x1318

**MONTCLAIR** \$899,000  
ASPINWALL RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Listed! Peaceful setting w/glorious  
views. Stylish home built in 1997. 3BR/  
2.5BA, big lot. Ultimate privacy. Mary  
Hause x1350

**EDMONT** \$895,000  
BLAIR AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
1940's home plus artist's studio on  
1/4 acre. SF Bay views. Private  
land. Patricia Scott Winslow x1315



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**1775 Estates Drive, Oakland**

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**6775 ESTATES DR.** (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Serene & private custom  
contemporary on Piedmont side of Montclair.  
5+BR/4BA, kit/fam rm combo, Bay views,  
sep in-law, 4-car garage. Near shopping &  
transportation. Charlotte Boyle x1370

**ORINDA** \$825,000  
**12 CHARLES HILL CIRCLE** (Open 1-4)  
Private 4BR/2BA "treehouse" w/walls of  
glass amidst .8+ acres of oaks, gardens, level  
lawn, decks & patios. Remodeled kitchen.  
Full in-law w/second kitchen. Jeanine  
Weller x1329

**MONTCLAIR** \$795,000  
**5943 MONZAL AVE.** (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Sunny 8 yr. old traditional w/  
approx. 2008 sq. ft. 3BR/2.5BA, large lot w/  
exceptional yard & 4+ car garage. Michelle  
Miller x1335

**BERKELEY** \$669,000  
**635 SANTA ROSA AVE.** (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Wonderful bay view 3BR/1BA  
traditional. Great Thousand Oaks location  
near Solano. Beautiful garden. Updated  
throughout. Leslie Avant x1341

**MONTCLAIR** \$619,000  
**6529 ASCOT DR.** (Open 2-4:30)  
Charming single story traditional. 3BR/  
2BA, great master suite, updated baths.  
Large level yard. Bright & sunny. Bonnie  
Hirsch x1366

**RIDGEMONT** \$619,000

**4962 STONERIDGE CT.** (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Lovely 4BR/3BA home on  
quiet cul-de-sac. Glorious views, kitchen  
w/adjacent family rm w/fireplace,  
gracious master suite & 3-car garage  
Robyn Mohr x1310

**MONTCLAIR** \$589,000  
**127 DUNCAN WAY** (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Charming picture book  
English cottage in private setting. Living  
rm w/wood cathedral ceilings, spacious  
family room. Level yard off  
kitchen. David Ichikawa x1331

**BERKELEY** \$585,000  
**1729 6TH STREET** (Open 2-4)  
Stylish 2 yr. old home. Architectural beauty,  
artistic colors. Gourmet kit/fam rm. Near  
4th St. shops. 2BR/2BA. Sophisticated!  
Nancy Nomaz x1373

**MONTCLAIR** \$579,000

**3465 BRUNELL DR.** (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Views from almost every  
room! Sunny level-in home w/4BR/3BA,  
huge rumpus room, 2 fireplaces, 2-car  
garage. Wendy Gardner x1303

**MONTCLAIR** \$549,000

**6629 ARMOUR DR.** (Open 2-5)  
New Listing! 3BR/2+BA canyon retreat  
Open living/dining room. Studio guest  
suite. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

**GLENVIEW** \$499,000

**3828 WOODRUFF AVE.** (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Sunny & adorable bungalow  
w/3BR/1BA, retro eat-in kitchen,  
formal dining room w/built-ins, great  
patio & garden. Leslie Easterday x1363

**PIEDMONT** \$4,950,000

Incredible estate property. 5-BR  
residence and 1-BR guest house on  
almost one acre. Quiet, private setting  
Georgia Cornell x1325

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE** \$3,100,000

Magnificent property in beautiful  
Claremont Pines. Built in 1935 w/5BR/  
6.5BA, gracious formal rooms, library, full  
au-pair suite & fabulous pool & spa  
Dee Knowland x1318

**PIEDMONT AVE.** \$315,000

**127 ENTRADA AVE.** (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Hernando's hideaway in desirable  
area! Ultra charming 1BR/1BA cottage  
w/eat-in kitchen, garden & patio. Ann  
Nichols x1319

**LAUREL** \$299,000

**3019 ARIZONA ST.** (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Charming 2BR/1BA 1924  
bungalow fixer. Wonderful floor plan and  
original details. Hardwood floors. Bob &  
Carolyn Nelson x1345

**RICHMOND ANNEX** \$289,000

**5814 FRESNO AVE.** (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Very sweet starter home on  
great street. 2BR/1BA, beautiful gardens,  
hardwood floors, attached garage. Joan E.  
Hause x1358

**BERKELEY** \$279,000

**2910 HILLEGASS AVE. #2** (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Wonderful 1BR/1BA condo in  
classic Elmwood brown shingle building. Teri  
Carlisle x1305

**LAKE MERRITT** \$649,000

\$100k price reduction! Luxury condo  
w/bay & lake views. 2BR/2BA. Like  
living on a cliff cloud w/all the amenities.

Sandi Klemmer x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308

**PIEDMONT** \$619,000

Charming traditional in central location.  
2BR/1BA, formal dining room, well-designed kitchen w/breakfast nook  
& large garden. Well-maintained.  
Roselie Woods x1324

**OAKLAND** \$579,000

A majestic Queen Anne Victorian w/grand  
interior on beautifully landscaped lot. 4BR/  
1.5BA, grandoyer, parlor, gorgeous detailing.  
Minutes from Jack London Square. Joan E.  
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**UPPER ROCKRIDGE** \$2,149,000  
Exquisite new custom built Mediterranean  
villa. 5BR/4.5BA, views, terraces,  
elevator, 4-car garage. Total quality &  
beauty. Dee Knowland x1318

**BERKELEY** \$1,900,000

Spectacular updated 4+BR/3.5BA turn of  
the century shingle in Claremont Court.  
Private gardens on over 1/3 acre. Lovely  
gracious public rooms. Leslie Avant x1341

**OAKLAND HILLS** \$1,495,000

Smashing new custom Mediterranean. 5BR/  
4.5BA, spacious formal rooms & Bay views.  
Large master suite, decks, yard. Dee  
Knowland x1318

**MONTCLAIR** \$829,000  
French Country in Montclair 3BR/2.5BA,  
hardwood floors, crown molding, hand  
painted tiles & French doors opening to the  
garden. Nancy Moore x1302

**OAKLAND HILLS** \$759,000

Upgraded 3BR/2.5BA home on huge lot  
Bay views & spectacular garden w/  
deck, waterfall, lawn & spa tub. Donna  
Costella x1355

**BERKELEY** \$685,000

Berkeley's choice neighborhood! Close to  
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garden, 2 fireplaces, large rooms. 2BR/2BA.  
Jack McPhail x1336

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**100 Pershing Drive, Oakland**

Historic estate on the Piedmont side of Montclair. Approximately  
1/2 acre of gardens. Panoramic views. Gourmet  
kitchen, high tech media/family room. 5+BR/4+BA. In  
outstanding condition.

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**Helen Danhakl**  
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**3019 Arizona Street, Oakland**

Opportunity knocks in Laurel! Rare opportunity on lovely  
street in Laurel. First time on market in 50 years. Great floor  
plan with 2BR/1BA and formal dining room. Charming original  
details. A nice fixer awaiting your TLC and paint samples.

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**Bob & Carolyn Nelson**  
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Hernando's hideaway in desirable Piedmont Avenue area!

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**3828 Woodruff Ave., Oakland**

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bath, retro eat-in kitchen, formal dining room with built-ins,  
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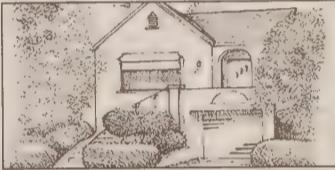
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	Size	Hours	Price						
	08048A	2-4	\$129,000	1511 Marin	4bd/2ba	Sun 2-4		\$355,000	
	08038A	2-4	\$875,000	Jane Allen, Berkley Hills Realty, 510-524-9888	223				
	08038A	2-4	\$759,000	1035 Evelyn Ave	3bd/2ba	1:30-4		\$456,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$749,000	ABT/degrey, 510-527-7755 Open Sunday					
	08025BA	2-4	\$749,000	914 Pionoma Ave	2bd/2ba Sun	2-430		\$480,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$724,000	Celia Concus, Millstein & Assoc., 510-527-0211					
	08025BA	2-4	\$724,000	803 Buchanan	2bd/1ba Sun	2-430		\$379,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$724,000	Norah Brown, Berkley Hills Realty, 510-524-9888	226				
BERKELEY		Address & Realty		Size		Hours		Price	
	1998 San Antonio Ave	4BD/3BA	Sun 2-4	\$1,850,000					
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	The Grubb Co	Babe McRae	(510) 339-0400			
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	1715 Spruce	11 u/s	Sun 2-4		\$1,695,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	RED OAK, 510-280-2175, Schuyler					
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	1731 Francisco	hm/wc	Sun 2-4		\$1,200,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	RED OAK, 510-280-2199, Rattabites					
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	2710 Claremont Blvd	3 - 3ba	Sun 2-5		\$1,195,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Jesse Lehman, Prudential, 510-845-0211					
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	608 Arlington	4BD/3.5BA	2-430		\$1,035,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	North Berkley, OPEN SUNDAY,					
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Coldwell Banker	Victor Pierro	(510) 339-4700			
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	185 Hillcrest Rd	4 - BD/3BA	Sun 2-4		\$899,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	The Uplands	The Grubb Co	(510) 339-0400			
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	1182 Miller Ave	3 - 2.5ba	Sun 2-4		\$825,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Berkeley	The Grubb Co	Ruth Frassetti	(510) 339-0400		
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	765 San Diego	4 - 4ba	Sun 2-4		\$875,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Warren Lot, Berkley Hills Realty, 510-524-9888	X14				
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	48 Tunnel Rd	3 - 2.5	Sun 2-5		\$849,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Phina Chisnay, Prudential, 510-845-0200					
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	2709 Channing	9bd/4ba	Sun 1-5		\$799,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Candice Economedes, Prudential, 510-845-0200					
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	80 Hazel	3bd/2ba	Sun 2-4		\$795,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Maya Trilling, Berkley Hills Realty, 510-524-9888	X18				
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	1839 Napa	3bd/2.5	Sun 2-4		\$875,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Denise Milburn, Berkley Hills Realty, 510-524-9888	X35				
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	2836 Garber St	3 - 2ba	Sun 2-5		\$775,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Jesse Lehman, Prudential, 510-845-0211					
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	86 Hillcrest Rd	4BD/2.5BA	Sun 2-4		\$775,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Berkeley	The Grubb Co	Carolyn Jones	(510) 339-0400		
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	635 Santa Rosa Ave	3BD/1BA Sun	2-430		\$669,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Berkeley	Pacific Union	Leslie Avant	(510) 339-1341		
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	30 Parnassus Rd	3BD/2BA	Sun 2-4		\$549,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Berkeley	The Grubb Co	Tricia Swift	(510) 339-0400		
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	1039 Shattuck Avenue	3 - BD/1.5ba	Sun 2-4		\$649,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Berkeley	The Grubb Co	Linda Nolan	(510) 339-0400		
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	1124 Hillview Rd	4bd/3ba	Sun 2-4		\$635,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Barbara Cohen, Berkley Hills Realty, 510-524-9888	X28				
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	776 Spruce	3bd/2ba	Sun 2-5		\$519,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	RED OAK, 510-280-2139, Diane					
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	1455 Arch Street	2 - /1BA	Sun 2-4		\$595,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Berkeley	The Grubb Co	Annie Wairland	(510) 339-0400		
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	2239 6th Street	2BD/2BA	Sun 2-4		\$595,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Berkeley	Pacific Union	Nancy Norman	(510) 336-1373		
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	108 Forest Ln	3bd/2ba	Sun 2-4		\$550,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Bill and Tracy, Berkley Hills Realty, 510-524-9888	X33				
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	1233 Walnut	3bd/1.5ba	Sun 2-4		\$550,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Emie Sexton, Prudential, 510-845-0200					
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	442 60th Street	3BD/1BA Sun	1-5		\$525,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Lawton Associates	www.442-60th.com	Ron Kress	(510) 541-5870 #55		
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	570 Neilson St	2bd/1ba Sun	2-430		\$499,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Berkeley	Prudential-Piedmont, 510-287-2857				
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	1404 Kains	1 - /1.5	Sun 2-4		\$355,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	RED OAK, 510-280-2120, Diane					
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	2239 6th St	2 - /2ba	Sun 2-4		\$335,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Reynolds, Prudential, 510-287-3381					
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	2910 Hillcrest Ave #2	1BD/1BA Sun	2-430		\$279,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Berkeley	Terri Carlson, Prudential	(510) 338-1305			
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	2201 Virginia	1bd/1ba	Sun 2-4		\$275,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Jean Jucks, Berkley Hills Realty, 510-524-9888	X38				
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	1814 Blake	1bd/1ba	Sun 2-4		\$199,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	RED OAK, 510-280-2104, Tom					
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	3043 Halcyon Ct	2bd/1ba Sun	2-430		\$199,000	
	08025BA	2-4	\$699,000	Ann Arnold Plant, Marvin Gardens, 510-527-2700	X27				
CONCORD		Address & Realty		Size		Hours		Price	
	9944 Oak Grove	5bd/3ba	Sun 2-4	\$484,000					
	9944 Oak Grove	5bd/3ba	Sun 2-4	\$484,000					
	1377 Shakespeare	4bd/2ba	Sun 2-4	\$367,500					
	1377 Shakespeare	4bd/2ba	Sun 2-4	\$367,500					
EL CERRITO		Address & Realty		Size		Hours		Price	
	124 Ramona Ave	2bd/1ba	Sun 2-4	\$419,000					
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	Juliana Wybren, Marvin Gardens, 510-527-2700								
EL SOBRANTE		Address & Realty		Size		Hours		Price	
	5125 Simoni Dr.	4BD/3BA	1-4	\$995,000					
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	Coldwell Banker	Phyllis Wherry	(510) 339-4700						

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642 Lois Lane REB OAK, Inc., 510-280-2153	✓	8a-2-4	\$438,000	6703 Elverton Dr. REMAX Accord, Barbara Bailey 925-284-2244	4 bdr/3 ba	Sun 1-5	\$97
<b>FREMONT</b>				<b>OAKLAND</b>			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price	Upper Rockridge Pacific Union	Dee Knowland	(510) 339-	
39541 Canyon Heights Dr	3bd/2ba	2-4	\$718,000	4840 Proctor Ave Upper Rockridge The Grubb Co	4BD/3BA	Sun 2-4	\$94
Open Sunday Rey Thlema 510-748-1122 Gallagher & Lindsey				Debbi DiMaggio	(510) 339-		
<b>KENSINGTON</b>				5845 Amy Drive Rockridge The Grubb Co	5BD/3BA	Sun 2-4	\$94
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price	Kurt Bushnell	(510) 339-		
607 Belmont Avenue Kenington The Grubb Co	4BD/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$695,000	6246 Aspinwall Rd Pacific Union	3BD/2BA Sun	2-4-30	\$89
Linda Wolan	(510) 339-0400			Mary Montall	(510) 339-		
<b>LAFAYETTE</b>				10 Ormidale Montclair, OPEN SUNDAY. Coldwell Banker	4BD/2BA	2-4-30	\$87
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price	Lydia Nava	(510) 339-		
3316 Las Huertas OPEN SUNDAY Vicki Nakamura, Better Homes Lafayette 925-708-1915	4bd/3ba	1-4	\$1,285,000	741-743 Hillgate Circle Montclair	5-Plex	1-4	\$85
				Haddon Hill, OPEN SATURDAY. Coldwell Banker	OPEN SATURDAY. Ruby McKaren Lunn	(510) 339-	
1171 El Caminito Wells & Bennett	3BD/2BA	2-4-30	\$345,000	910 Paramount Rd Dobres Thor, Prudentiel, 510-834-2010	4bd/2.5	Sun 2-5	\$85
Claremont Hills, OPEN SUNDAY. Coldwell Banker	Elli Lancaster	(510) 339-4770					
1508 Grandview Dr Claremont Hills Pacific Union	5BD/4.5BA	8aSun 2-430	\$2,395,000	6571 Exeter Dr. Montclair, OPEN SUNDAY. Steve Bawatz	5 - /9/	2-4-30	\$94
Claremont Pines	Teri Carlisle	(510) 338-1305		7775 Estates Dr Pacific Union	5 + /4BA	8aSun 2-430	\$94
100 Pershing Dr Pacific Union	5 - /4 - Sun 2-430	\$2,195,000		154 Sonia Street Upper Rockridge The Grubb Co.	4BD/3BA	Sun 2-4	\$82
	Helen Danhak	(510) 338-1355		Linda McClain	(510) 339-		
1280 Grand View Claremont Hills	4BD/3 - +	2-430	\$1,950,000	869 Trester Glen Rd Crocker Highlands The Grubb Co.	4 + /2 + BA	Sun 2-4	\$78
Wells & Bennett	Nicolette Bot	(510) 331-7000/2261		Judith Cain	(510) 339-		
1138 Drury Dr Claremont Hills Wells & Bennett	4BD/4 - +	2-430	\$1,889,000	5943 Monzai Ave Montclair Pacific Union	3BD/2.5BA	2-4-30	\$75
	Mary Neuberger	(510) 485-7251		Michelle Miller	(510) 339-		
5963 Manchester Dr Claremont Pines The Grubb Co	5 - + / - 4BA	Sun 2-4	\$1,825,000	7088 Marlborough Ter Upper Rockridge The Grubb Co.	4BD/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$77
Claremont Pines	Bebe McRae	(510) 339-0400		McBrow Brown	(510) 339-		
15 Dorothy Pl. OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY. Bonnie Freitas	4BD/2BA	2-5	\$1,795,000	920 Sunnysills Rd Crocker Highlands The Grubb Co.	2 + /1.5BA	Sun 2-4	\$75
925/937-8022	C21 Heritage R.E.			Asian Pettit Tunney	(510) 339-		
13070 Broadway Ter.	4BD/2BA Sun 2-430	\$1,775,000		5476 Proctor Ave. Upper Rockridge Coldwell Banker	3 - /8/2BA	2-5	\$72
				Michael Thompson	(510) 339-		
MINITYLUM Warren Chapman	3.5-2BA			1102 Harvard Dr. Pleasanton, OPEN SUNDAY. Sarah Scholer	3BD/2BA	2-4-30	\$72
	(510) 338-1023			5820 Balmoral Drive Upper Rockridge The Grubb Co	3BD/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$77
6276 Acacia Ave Upper Rockridge Pacific Union	4BD/2.5BA	2-430	\$1,505,000	5541 Maxwelton Dr. Upper Rockridge The Grubb Co	3BD/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$68
The Grubb Co	Dee Knowland	(510) 338-1318		Sandra Vogl	(510) 339-		
6023 Skyline Blvd Upper Rockridge	4 - + / - 3BA	Sun 2-4	\$1,595,000	6808 Chambers Dr. Montclair, OPEN SUNDAY. Jim Forquer	6BD/3BA	2-4-30	\$81
Lineland Hills	Erika Celeste	(510) 339-0400		Martha Shih	(510) 339-		
The Grubb Co				6640 Sarone Drive Montclair, OPEN SUNDAY. Bettie Homes	5BD/3.5BA	2-4-30	\$81
40 Agnes Street Upper Rockridge Coldwell Banker	4BD/2BA	2-5	\$1,195,000	5509-5511 Dover St. 2 Units, OPEN SUNDAY.	BD/4A	2-4-30	\$68
	Claudia Bowman	(510) 339-4770		Lori Moon	(510) 339-		
5898 Romany Dr. Rockridge, OPEN SUNDAY. Lois Johnson	4BD/2/BA	2-5	\$1,000,000	780 Glendale Circle Di Allen-Thompson, 510-434-9444	5bd/2ba Sun 2-5	\$68	
510/339-8900, 2226	C21 Heritage R.E.						
6993 Charing Cross	3BD/2.5BA	8aSun 2-4	\$1,050,000	2603 Ivy Drive Wells & Bennett	3BD/2BA	2-4-30	\$68
				Frank Hommerl	(510) 331-7000		
Agt. (415) 310-8099				5004 Pierpoint Montclair, OPEN SUNDAY. Bettie Homes	3BD/2BA	2-4-30	\$68
6146 Mazaule Dr Kensington Pacific Union	5BD/4 - BA	Sun 2-5	\$1,049,000	6529 Ascot Drive Pacific Union	3BD/2BA Sun 2-4-30	\$68	
Fritz Hochfeller	(510) 338-1348			Bonnie Hirsch	(510) 339-		
83 Castle Park Way Pederson Pines The Grubb Co	3BD/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$995,000	4962 Stoneridge Ct Ridgemont Pacific Union	4BD/3BA Sun 2-4-30	\$68	
Jean Simmer	(510) 339-0400			Robyn Mohr	(510) 339-		
1969 Drake Dr. Montclair, OPEN SUNDAY Coldwell Banker	4BD/2BA	2-4-30	\$998,000				
Jeffrey Neldman	(510) 339-4700						

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4881 Harbord Dr.	Upper Rockridge	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$599,000.	519	Tr
Dana Cohen	OPEN SUNDAY.					
510/339-8160, x248						
1637 Vista Street		5 - 2BA	2-4:30	\$599,000.	519	Op
Wells & Bennett Peter Nicolopoulis		(510) 530-7000 x248				
5673 Chelton Dr	2bd/2ba Sun	2-4:30	\$589,000.	516	Op	
Brian Sardera, Prudential-Montclair	510-339-9290					
5700 Thornhill Dr	4bd/1 - Sun	1-4:30	\$589,000.	516	Op	
Dave Higgins, 510-428-4900						
172 Duncan Way	Sun	2-4:30	\$589,000.	516	Am	
Montclair						
Pacific Union	David Ichikawa	(510) 338-1331				
3485 Brunell Dr	4bd/3BA Sun	2-4:30	\$578,000.	516	Pa	
Montclair						
Pacific Union	Wendy Gardner	(510) 339-1303				
5301 Broadway #9	2bd/1ba Sun	2-4:30	\$575,000.	516	Ch	
Ridgecrest						
Pacific Union	Ashley O'Neill	(510) 338-1398				
2830 Burton Dr	2bd/2ba Sun	2-4:30	\$559,000.	516	Pe	
Michael Stephen,	Prudential-Montclair	510-339-9290				
464/469 Newton Ave	trp/3BD	2-4:30	\$548,000.	516	Ja	
Mary Dresler, Prudential-Montclair	510-339-9290					
222 Modoc Ave	2 - BD/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$549,000.	516	Ja	
The Grubb Co	Sherry Benninger	(510) 339-0400				
5620 Armour Drive	3bd/2BA	Sun 2-5	\$549,000.	516	1 K	
Pacific Union	Jeffrey Himmel	(510) 339-1307				
4200 Deloitte Ave	3bd/2BA	2-4:30	\$538,000.	516	Pl	
Redwood Heights, OPEN SUNDAY.						
Better Homes www.PatriciaBennett.com	510-339-8400					
4047 Barnes	1 - 1/1/	2-5	\$535,000.	516	Pr	
Lincoln Heights, OPEN SUNDAY.						
Coldwell Banker	Rachel Ball	(510) 339-4700				
2115 Maranza Dr.	4BD/2 - BA	2-5	\$520,000.	516	Co	
Montclair, OPEN SUNDAY.						
Coldwell Banker	Jeff Ackerman	(510) 339-4700				
3820 Woodruff Ave	3BD/1BA Sun	2-4:30	\$499,000.	516	Re	
Pacific Union	Leslie Easterday	(510) 339-1363				
2108 Drake Dr.	3 - BD/2BA	1-4:30	\$495,000.	516	Ar	
Montclair, OPEN SUNDAY.						
Coldwell Banker	Victor Ratto	(510) 339-4700				
5 Clarewood	2bd/2ba Sun	2-4:30	\$489,000.	516	Q	
REDB BANK	510-280-2168, MetLife					
REDB BANK	510-280-2124, Saraya					
208 Mather Street	3 - 1/1/	Sun 2-4	\$489,000.	516	Ad	
Upper 200/1BA						
Plattman Kenway						
The Grubb Co	Karen Starr	(510) 339-0400				
5824 Howell	3 - 1/1a	Sun 2-4	\$446,000.	516	Re	
RED BANK	510-280-2124, Saraya					
3011 Brookfield	3bd/1.5	Sun 2-4	\$429,000.	516	Ad	
RED GUL	510-280-2162, Saraya					
3271 Glen Park Rd.	3bd/1.5ba	2-5	\$429,000.	516	Re	
Glenview, OPEN SUNDAY.						
Better Homes	Arnold Mueller	510-339-4000				
5549 Merriewood Dr.	3bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$429,000.	516	Re	
Montclair, OPEN SUNDAY.						
Better Homes	Nahid Nassiri	510-339-8400				
3924 Patterson Ave	3 - 1/1 - Sun 2-4:30	\$429,000.	516	Re		
Mary Dresler, Prudential-Montclair	510-339-9290					
1245 Bates Rd.	Sun	2-4	\$419,000.	516	Re	
Crocker Heights Storybook Bungalow						
Realty World East Bay Loma & Sandy Lantz	(510) 626-9900					
3251 Madeline St	3BD/2BD	2-4:30	\$418,000.	516	Re	
Open Sunday, Laurel						
RE/MAX East Bay Group	Carolyn R. Mettlemann	(510) 645-0303				
2227 Florida St	3bd/1ba	Sun 2-5	\$399,000.	516	Re	
Adrienne Hsu, Prudential	510-845-0211					
3202 Ette St	3BD/2BA	2-5	\$395,000.	516	Re	
Open Saturday & Sunday						
Kathy Hinch	510-814-4706 Harbor Bay Realty					
5253 Trask	3bd/2ba Sun	2-5	\$378,000.	516	Re	
Lisa Freedman, Prudential	510-845-0211					
5838 Morse Dr.	2BD/1BA Sun	1-4	\$359,000.	516	Re	
Wells & Bennett	510-762-7354.					
2518 Maxwell Ave.	2bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$350,000.	516	Re	
Maxwell Park, OPEN SUNDAY.						
Better Homes	Mary Jane McAvillie	510-339-8400				
6200 Oakdale Ave	3BD/2BA Sun	2-4	\$350,000.	516	Re	
Diamond						
The Grubb Co	Anne Festa	(510) 339-0400				
3101 Kingsland	3BD/1BA	2-4:30	\$335,000.	516	Re	
Mizell Park						
Wells & Bennett	Karen Phillips	(510) 531-1000 x228				
3773 Marlon Ave.	3BD/1BA Sun	2-4:30	\$335,000.	516	Re	
Almaden, OPEN SUNDAY.						
Better Homes	A.D. Nassiri	510-339-4000				
7916 Earl St	2bd/1ba Sun	2-4:30	\$329,000.	516	Re	
Erik Johnson, Prudential-Montclair	510-339-9290					
834 47th St	2 - 1bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$329,000.	516	Re	
Mary Dresler, Prudential-Montclair	510-339-9290					
3204 Ette St	2BD/1BA	2-4	\$329,000.	516	Re	
Open Saturday & Sunday						
Kathy Hinch	510-814-4706 Harbor Bay Realty					
694 - 53rd Street	2BD/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$329,000.	516	Re	
North Oakland						
Realty World East Bay Loma & Sandy Lantz	(510) 626-8900					

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Oversdale Ave	3bd/2ba Sun	2-4:30		\$328,000
Taylor, Prudential, 510-834-2010				
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Taylor, Prudential CA Realty 510-834-2010				
3401 St	1bd/1ba	10-4		\$325,000
Saturday & Sunday				
Hinch 510-814-4708 Harbor Bay Realty				
Bridge Ave	4bd/3ba Sun	2-4:30		\$325,000
ony Associates Terry Anthony (510) 834-3300 ext 3				
mentra Ave	1BA/1BA Sun	2-4:30		\$315,000
mentra, Remax				
UFC Union	Ann Nichols	(510) 338-1311		
Park Blvd	2bd/1ba	2-4:30		\$299,000
W & Bennett	Carol Robbaine	(510) 531-7000 2295		
Arizona St	2bd/1BA Sun	2-4:30		\$299,000
mentra, Remax				
UFC Union	Bob & Carolyn Nelson	(510) 338-1341		
Adeline St	1bd/1ba	2-4:30		\$289,000
Blairwood				
Yard World East Bay Lorne & Sandy Lantz (510) 536-8900				
Flora St	3bd/2ba	2-4		\$248,000
Saturday				
Hinch 510-814-4708 Harbor Bay Realty				
mentra Ct. #2F	1bd/1ba	2-4:30		\$240,000
mentra, Remax				
mentra Banker	OUP SUNDAY			
George Karsant	(510) 339-4700			
Birch St	2bd/2ba Sun	2-4:30		\$235,000
ry, Schultz, Prudential, 510-834-2010				
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# SPORTS

• Friday, May 31, 2002 •

Section C

## St. Mary's is sensational at MOC



MIKE MCGREEHAN

*Between the Lines*

Others get meet  
from Warren and  
plus a state-leading  
performance from hurdler

### PREP TRACK

jump.

She then surged ahead of a talented 100-meter field in the final 30 yards to win in 11.96 seconds. "I didn't really think I was going to win this," Johnson said. "I just wanted to place."

"The last three weeks, we've been focusing on the last phase of the race," Lawson said. "There was a lot of desire from Tiffany in the last 30 meters."

Stokes made a decisive move halfway through the 100 hurdles and defeated James Logan's Talia Stewart, who had the No. 2 time in the state entering the meet. They produced the only sub-14-second, electronically-timed marks in the state this year, as Stokes clocked 13.90 seconds and Stewart finished in 13.99.

"I just left it all on the track. I just put everything I had into it," an overjoyed Stokes said.

Warren completed her double (she won the shot put Friday) with a bang. She started jumping up and down as her mark on the final attempt of the discus was announced: 165 feet, 5 inches. It capped the best round in her life, and most likely one of the best in North Coast Section history, as she had three marks over 150 feet. Her winning mark is the third-longest in the state this year.

Earlier, Welch had been in a funk. Although he was leading the triple jump competition by more than two feet, he had not improved on his opening mark of 47-1 1/4.

That all changed on his sixth attempt, as he soared to a mark of 49-3 1/4.

"It was mainly because I was getting mad. I didn't want another 47," he said.

St. Mary's boys 1,600 relay team of Chris Dunbar, Courtney Brown, Ryan Coogler and Omarr

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SUSAN POLLARD/STAFF

DANIELLE STOKES of St. Mary's speeds toward a state-best clocking of 13.90 in the 100 hurdles at the MOC.

## The Cup runneth over

■ Whether you're watching at home or in person, the World Cup is heaven for soccer fans

EXCUSE ME, I just had another...

Flashback: Buenos Aires.

June 25, 1978.

"¡Mario Kempes! ¡Mario Kempes! ¡¡¡Gooooooool!!!! ¡¡¡Gooooooool!!!! ¡¡¡De Mario Kempes! ¡¡¡Gol-gol, gol-gol, gol-gol!!!! ¡¡¡De la Argentina!!!!"

Oh, OK, OK! The excitement overwhelms the senses. But I'll try to make sense of it all the same.

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After a four-year hiatus, World Cup fever strikes the globe again. Korea/Japan 2002 opened this morning (our time) with defending champion France taking on Senegal in Seoul. This quadrennial feast continues through June 30. For the next month, then, the

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## Gauchos' NCS ride ends in semifinal loss

Northgate's Bradley fires  
a two-hitter to thwart El  
Cerrito's bid to reach  
championship game

By Darcy Couch

STAFF WRITER  
Though he's just a sophomore, El Cerrito High School's Greg Murray took on a role for the Gauchos in his ride to the North Coast Section 2A East Bay semifinals this

No. 4  
El Cerrito's 3-0  
to No. 8  
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Wednesday, May 29, 2002

**NCS 2A  
East Bay  
playoffs**

Northgate 3,  
El Cerrito 0

Wednesday, May 29, 2002

# Errors cost Berkeley in NCS semifinals loss to Clay...

■ Yellow Jackets fall one game short of ending the season in the Coliseum

By Joe Stiglich  
STAFF WRITER

As good as the Clayton Valley High School baseball team played in its first two playoff games, the Eagles had yet to bust out offensively.

They took care of that

Wednesday, with a big assist from Berkeley's defense.

Clayton Valley

scored seven runs in the final two innings, taking advantage of nine Berkeley errors in the game, and turned a tight contest into a 10-1 blowout win in the North Coast Section 3A East Bay semifinals. The Eagles (21-6), seeded second in the 16-team bracket, play No. 5 Newark Memorial (25-4-1) for

## NCS 3A East Bay playoffs

Clayton Valley 10, Berkeley 1

## PREP BASEBALL

the section title on Saturday at Network Associates Coliseum. Game time is noon.

No. 6 seed Berkeley (20-7) entered Wednesday's game on a roll of its own, having beaten Antioch 12-6 and De La Salle 9-2 on the way to the semifinals. But the Yellow Jackets came apart defensively. Four of their errors came in the last two innings, when the Eagles pounded out seven hits to extend a 3-1 lead.

"We came off our best game (against De La Salle) and played our worst game," said Berkeley coach Tim Moellering, who took the Yellow Jackets farther than any team in school history. "Nobody's had a big inning against us all year."

Jeff Landry got things started for the Eagles in the sixth with an RBI triple to left-center. Matt Reed followed with a run-scoring double and Sam Ray brought

in another run with a single to make it 6-1. Adam Elliot and Chris Salmon drove in runs in the four-run seventh.

Clayton Valley got 3 1/2 solid innings from starter Joe Stoiber before ace Adam Elliot (9-4) took over. He held Berkeley in check to pick up the win, tossing 2 1/3 innings.

Moellering said he was happy with the Yellow Jackets' season, which included an Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League co-championship and the first NCS victory ever for the program.

Berkeley loses 10 seniors from this year's team to graduation.

"It's probably the best season Berkeley baseball has ever had," Moellering said. "The credit goes to the players."

## Berkeley 9, De La Salle 2

Berkeley took a big step toward gaining a shot at an NCS title, beating the No. 14 De La Salle Spartans 9-2 in a 3A quarterfinal game at Evans Field.

But the win was also a step toward getting the kind of respect the Yellow Jackets (20-6) feel is



BERKELEY shortstop Jason Moore tries to play a ball in the NCS 3A semifinals.

their due.

"This is an emotional win for us because De La Salle has a good program," said Yellow Jacket Clinton Calhoun, who launched a fifth-inning grand slam. "We wanted to show the valley teams we can play — play fundamental baseball. We wanted

to validate our season."

This game, when coupled with Berkeley's 12-4 win over Antioch on May 22, should help put the club's season in perspective.

Initially a battle between off-speed left-handers, Cole Stipovich for Berkeley and Dan McGuire for De La Salle, the Yellow Jackets quickly turned the game into a display of hitting and fielding.

When the Spartans (15-12) put runners on first and third with two outs in the top of the first, an attempted double steal ended with second baseman Lee Franklin gunning out Bryan Byrne at home.

As the game wore on, infielders Franklin, shortstop Jason Miller, third baseman DeAndre Miller and Calhoun at first shut down the Spartans' short game.

"We expected them to play small ball," Moellering said. "It's their game and they are very good at it. But we were prepared for it."

Then the Jackets opened up

at the plate. A RBI single in the fourth gave Berkeley the second. By the fifth, Eric Massingham, who had an unearned run in the fourth as Berkeley scored 3-0.

In the fifth, Berkeley batters to the plate — doubles by Jason Miller, who drove in the big score, who drove in the big score, over the left-field fence.

When the game was over, more runs had to be scored. Eric Massingham, who had an unearned run in the fourth as Berkeley scored 3-0.

"We have hit it out of the park," said. "But people rarely know that."

"(Berkeley) was wanted it more," DeAndre Miller said. "I think coach Matt Castello and deserve it."

Staff writer Bill Krouse contributed to this roundup.

## BRIEFS

### Soccer teams forming

Alameda-Contra Costa Youth Soccer League Class III boys teams are being formed by the following clubs: Albany/Berkeley (telephone 848-1339), San Pablo (223-8859), Richmond (620-0698), El Cerrito (869-KICK) and Mersey (524-4625). Please contact these clubs directly or log on to [www.acysl.org](http://www.acysl.org) for tryout schedules.

### Golf

The Galbraith Junior Golf Program will host its first Oakland Junior Golf Tournament at 9 a.m. at Lake Chabot Golf Course on June 24.

Juniors ages 7-12 will play the par-3 course and juniors 13-18 will play the 18-hole course. Entry forms are available at local municipal golf courses.

Those wishing to enter can also use a JGANC entry form. Registration is \$20 and is due Saturday.

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For more information, call program coordinator Clarence Washington at 510-569-5682, or e-mail Michael Salem at [Oaklandboy@aol.com](mailto:Oaklandboy@aol.com).

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Caren Horstmyer's Girls Basketball Camp will hold a jam fest Saturday and a team camp June 28-30. For more information, call 800-738-1815 or log on to [www.oski.org](http://www.oski.org).

Caren Horstmyer's Girls Basketball Camp will hold three sessions at Cal's Haas Pavilion this summer. The first session, which runs 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 24-28, is an individual camp for players in grades four through 12. Players will be divided into groups of fourth- through eighth-

graders and ninth- through 12th-graders. Cost is \$255.

Session two, which runs 7-9 p.m. June 25-26, is a shooting camp for players in grades 7-12. Cost is \$50.

Session three, which runs 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 22-26, is a "Jr. Cub" camp for players in grades kindergarten through six. Cost is \$255.

For more information on all these camps, call 800-738-1815 or log on to [www.oski.org](http://www.oski.org).

The Oakland Neighborhood Basketball League will celebrate its 30th year of summer play this year. ONBL provides Bay Area youths ages 8-18 a chance to participate in a competitive basketball league. Registration deadline is June 7 with league play starting June 24.

Registration is available at the City of Oakland Parks and Recreation Department office (1520 Lakeside Drive). Entries also are available online at [www.sPortability.com](http://www.sPortability.com).

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The City of Oakland Parks and Recreation Department will hold high school basketball summer tournaments for boys and girls. Girls divisions will play June 28-30. Boys divisions will play July 5-7. Games will take place at Merritt College and Skyline High School.

Twelve teams will be placed into six-team pools. Teams will play all other teams in the opposite pool. An entry fee of \$200 is due today.

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Galbraith Junior Golfers is a 501c3 educational program.

The Galbraith Junior Golf Program is open to players 7-18 interested in learning the rules and basics of golf.

The program runs from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Lake Chabot Golf Course every Saturday.

Galbraith Junior Golf also invites the business communities of Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley, Emeryville, Piedmont and San Leandro to get involved through group and scholarship sponsorships.

For more information, call program coordinator Clarence Washington at 510-569-5682, or e-mail Michael Salem at [Oaklandboy@aol.com](mailto:Oaklandboy@aol.com).

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Background checks are required for coaches, along with CPR/first aid certification training. For more information, call 510-899-4760 or send an e-mail to [ewbarriars@yahoo.com](mailto:ewbarriars@yahoo.com).

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## Track

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Flood ended the meet with a victory in 3:19.72, the Panthers' seventh straight boys MOC 1,600 relay title, according to Lawson. Flood ran a 49.2 second split in his anchor leg to hold off Bishop O'Dowd (3:19.95).

Elsewhere, Berkeley resident Clara Horowitz, who attends Head-Royce in Oakland, did not expect a strong challenge in the MOC girls 3,200-meter race on Saturday. After all, her top competitor, Amber Trotter of Ukihi High, was injured and unable to run.

Instead, freshman Shelby Leland — Trotter's teammate at Ukihi — pushed Horowitz the entire race. In the end, though, Leland, who entered the race with a second time of 10:57.91, claimed second place very comfortably in 10:37.32.

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the Duke University-bound Horowitz enjoyed a characteristically strong finish to win the race in 10:32.2.

"I thought I was going to be all alone after the first mile," said Horowitz, who pulled away from Leland on the bell lap. "But it was really awesome having (Leland) there. I'm happy for her. She's really stepped up this year and this was definitely a PR for her."

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a distant third in 10:54.07, with

Allen placing fourth in 10:55.73.

Leland hung on Horowitz's heels from the start, providing the Head-Royce senior the push she didn't expect but greatly welcomed. Leland stayed with Horowitz until the start of the final lap, when the latter displayed a strong finishing kick to put some space between herself and Leland.

"That's what I've been doing at my league races a lot," Horowitz said, discussing her finish.

"I've been putting in consistent 5:20-5:30 miles, then kicking it in. This was a great race, a lot of fun. I was relaxed, felt great, and I'm definitely going for the state title."

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Toulouse. What we hear British fans mostly say is that on one side of the street came these Iranians, while on the other side were these Scottish guys in kilts," Morris said. "But they came together and started hugging each other. It's a striking moment of how people can get along."

Olken, an Alameda resident and long a fixture in U.S.

Youth Soccer circles, went to the Belgium-Mexico match in Bordeaux and England-Romania in Toulouse.

"(Belgium-Mexico) was to start at 5:30 in the afternoon, and we arrived in Bordeaux at about 11 a.m.," said Olken, who, with his wife, planned to see some of the other sights in the city.

Those plans quickly changed as prematch festivities became the focal point.

"There was so much enthusiasm," he said. "The Mexicans and Belgians were singing to each other, taking pictures with each other and high-fiving each other. All along the 2-mile route from the city center to the stadium, it was like Carnaval, like a giant festival

was an aura of good feeling."

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## NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviews are Pat Craig and Mary F. Polis, Times; Robert W. Butler, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Glenn Lovell, San Jose Mercury News; Anthony Breznican, David Germain, Christy Lemire, Tim Molloy, Sheila Norman-Culp and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; Jan Stuart, Newsday; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell, A.O. Scott and Lawrence Van Gilder, New York Times; Valerie Kuklenski, Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Kevin Thomas and Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times; Gary Dowell, Tom Mauro, Chris Vognar and Philip Wunsch, Dallas Morning News; and Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel.

**"ABOUT A BOY":** A charming adaptation of Nick Hornby's wonderful comic novel of the same name. Hugh Grant is at his best, playing, as he did in "Bridget Jones's Diary," a boulder extraordinaire, a 38-year-old commitment-phobe who does nothing but shop, play with his elec-

tronic toys and live off his songwriter father's royalties. He finds redemption, albeit grudgingly, when one of his games, a scam to date single moms (more sex, less commitment!) backfires on him and he is forced into a friendship with a lonely, dorky 12-year-old named Marcus (Nicholas Hoult). Too much voice-over, and a rather contrived ending, but a nice night out at the movies. — M. Polis. (PG-13; brief strong language and some thematic elements.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B+

**"AMELIE":** A feel-good movie in the best possible sense, a comic fable from French director Jean-Pierre Jeunet that vibrates with joy and fast-dances with life. Amelie (the relentlessly charming Audrey Tautou) is a lonely young lady who keeps a watchful eye on the rest of the world. One day she sets out to reunite a child's treasure with its long-grown owner and discovers she likes playing emotional Robin Hood. Setting out on a path to help her neighbors and the denizens of the cafe where

she works, she inadvertently trips into a love affair with a guy (Mathieu Kassovitz) who might be as sweetly eccentric as she is. Every time you think the movie is getting too sticky-sweet, Jeunet throws something tart and funny in our path. — M. Polis. (R; sexual content.) 2 hours, A

**"THE CAT'S MEOW":** Director Peter Bogdanovich has been in a slump, and his latest — a fictionalized account about the suspicious death of a movie producer aboard a yacht owned by newspaper mogul William Randolph Hearst — is no exception. Kirsten Dunst saves the film with her full-wattage performance as an actress who's the mistress of Hearst as well as the object of Charlie Chaplin's affections. The rest of the cast is ordinary at best in a movie that is stately and mechanical. — J. Mathews. (PG-13; sexuality, violence, drug use.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. C

**"CHANGING LANES":** A film that dares to probe, intelligently, into some of those most essentially Amer-

ican issues, race and class, and simultaneously lays bare the moral lapses of both the privileged and the disgruntled. Ben Affleck and Samuel L. Jackson are both very good as opponents in a case of road rage gone wildly amok. With strong supporting work by Toni Collette and Amanda Peet. — M. Polis. (R; language.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B+

**"THE COCKETTES":** Well before "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" and New York's "vogue" craze, there were the Cockettes, those irrepressible San Francisco drag queens who defined a little-known San Francisco subculture in the 1970s. The performance group from North Beach — and indeed the flowering of the transvestite lifestyle in general — is profiled in this lively, fascinating documentary. — G. Lovell. (NR; nudity.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. B+

**"DOGTOWN AND Z-BOYS":** This documentary draws a straight line between a scruffy group of outlaw Southern California surfers and skateboarders of the 1970s and the pervasive modern extreme-sports movement. Certainly the Z-Boys story is compelling, and the vintage action footage that goes along with it is really something to see. But as graceful as this group is on the board, that's how graceless they tend to be off of it. They're defiant bad boys still boasting decades later about the fights they got into back in the day. Although director and co-writer Stacy Peralta, a Z-Boys himself, has created a clever visual package, a more impartial filmmaker might have understood the need for other voices to balance against all that attitude. — K. Thomas. (PG-13; language and some drug references.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. C

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Roman Coppola (son of Francis) makes his directorial debut with this farce about a wannabe movie director who gets his big break in Paris in 1969. Starring Jeremy Davies.

"LAGAAN: ONCE UPON A TIME IN INDIA" (NR)

An epic (almost four hours long) Bollywood film set in 1893. An Indian village taken on a monumental challenge set by the occupying English. Beat them at cricket or pay a triple tax (lagaan).

"MURDEROUS MAIDS" (NR)

Feature about the infamous pre-World War II case of the Papin sisters, servants who murdered and mutilated their mistress and her daughter. Directed by Jean-Pierre Denis.

"RAIN" (R)

It's a steamy New Zealand summer, circa 1972, and a 13-year-old girl and her alcoholic mother are drawn

to the same man "THE SUM OF ALL FEARS" (R)

Ben Affleck stars as a young man in this latest Tom Clancy adaptation. Ryan is mysterious now, and on a quest to find a missing nuclear scientist.

"13 CONVERSATIONS ABOUT ONE THING" (NR)

Told in chapters, an ensemble movie that attempts to answer the question, what makes people happy? With Alan Alda, John Goodman, Amy Irving and John Turturro.

"UNDERCOVER BROTHER" (R)

A low-rent private eye with a sense of style trades in the 1970s to go undercover as a cop to solve a crime. With Dennis Hopper and Chris Kattan.

"HOLLYWOOD ENDING" (R)

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leap out of your seat make you want

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Mints. There must be something to

recommend this film, it's just that

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nicely. — P. Craig. (PG-13; intense

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## Reviews

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"ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS": Strangers of surprises, the latest offering from Dogma 95, the Danish film movement more known for being disturbing than for being cheery, introduces the concept of love and happiness to the movement. Six lonely people take Italian lessons one winter in Copenhagen and begin, tentatively, to gravitate toward each other. Not a traditional chick flick, though; it's got its fair share of depressing elements, such as death, addiction, fetal alcohol syndrome and sexual dysfunction, buried within the froth of love and comedy. And it's inescapably a Dogma movie: murky and drab. But it's still got the heart to warm us through the chill of winter. — M. Polis. (R: language and some sexuality.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. A-

"KISSING JESSICA STEIN": Here's the good news: This romantic comedy about two single women who seek each other out after growing tired of dating men is endearing, warm and funny — often laugh-out-loud hilarious. Now for the bad part: After providing such insight in such a charming way, its ending is just too pat and safe. Jennifer Westfeldt and Heather Juergens are charming actresses, almost making you forget the stink ending. — C. Lemire. (R: sexual content and language.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. C+

"LANTANA": The discovery of a corpse sets the theme for this movie, though it is just as much a police thriller as it is a complex psychological investigation into the nature and difficulties of marriage. The film focuses on four couples, and with a cast top-lined by Anthony LaPaglia, Geoffrey Rush and Barbara Hershey, it doesn't lack for the intensity and emotion to make its story convincing. All these people figure in the story attached to that corpse. Although we eventually get the information we need, little of it comes to us directly. Rather, "Lantana" feeds us knowledge slowly and obliquely. This remarkably thoughtful drama makes it clear not only how hard it is to come by any emotional comfort in this life, but, more importantly, why we can't give up on the struggle. — K. Turan. (R: language and sexuality.) 2 hours. A-

"MONSOON WEDDING": An accomplished and entrancing blend of comedy and drama from director Mira Nair ("Mississippi Masala"). Over four days, a flustered Punjabi patriarch prepares for an arranged marriage between his only daughter and an engineer from Houston. Unfortunately the bride is still in love with her married lover, and her spinster cousin is about to drop a bombshell on the family. As though satisfying, subtle, steamy and balanced between serious and joyous as the best weddings actually are. — M. Polis. (R: language, including some sex-related dialogue.) 1 hour, 54 minutes. A-

"MONSTER'S BALL": Loneliness hangs over the first half of director Marc Forster's movie like a sheet of rain: the loneliness of a single mother (Halle Berry), of a man going to the electric chair (Sean Combs) and a friendless racist who has just realized he has nothing to live for (Billy Bob Thornton). Berry and Thornton are both outstanding as a pair of unlikely lovers. A bleak and beautiful movie, and while the rain never stops, it does ease up, offering one of the most delicately redemptive stories we've seen since "Dead Man Walking."

fabricating stories and locations.

One time as I was about to write a column exposing all this in the *Classic Trib*, Walsh called and asked me not to run it. Why not? A besotted KGO exec had gotten wind of the tape, and after a few drinks one night threatened to fire Walsh if the story ever appeared in print. Out of respect for Walsh's professionalism, I pulled the column.

Walsh soon bailed from KGO, telling me he didn't need the headaches, and went back to his first love, the railroad. For years he'd call me from Colorado or Nebraska, asking for updates on his old colleagues and the Bay Area media scene.

But Walsh couldn't stay away from the news business for long, and he hooked up with ABC again, filing reports in his distinctive nasal voice out of Denver on the Jon-Benet Ramsey case and many other major stories. Like his famous father, Steve Walsh was darned good at what he did. The radio news business has lost a real pro.

**MEDIA NOTES:** Yes, that was indeed legendary '60s KSAN newsman Dave McQueen doing holiday fill-in on

KCBS during the Memorial Day weekend. The deep-voiced McQueen's reportedly been working as a carpenter since being laid off a while back by Clear Channel's now-automated KKSF.

NY Times Pulitzer winner Thomas Friedman did an insightful column this week about how Silicon Valley types had been shaken and surprised at seeing their high-tech creations being used by terrorists. Friedman quoted one IT exec: "We used to think the enemy was Bill Gates and Microsoft. We were wrong..."

Speaking of Middle Eastern matters, did you know that all Kellogg's products have been pulled off the shelves in Saudi Arabia? They apparently contain pork gelatin, which is listed only as "gelatin" on cereal boxes.

I picked this story up from the Saudi English-language daily courtesy of fark.com (www.fark.com), maybe the best place around to find funny, offbeat stories each day (Time mag recently named fark.com one of its 20 best Web sites) ...

"It's our best showing in 25 years," says enthusiastic KTVU ratings whiz Pat Macholl of the Oakland station's impressive news dominance in the ratings

during May sweeps. I checked the Nielsen numbers, and Macholl isn't just engaging in hype: Even KTVU's once-struggling 6 p.m. newscast is now getting solid ratings ...

The Oakland Cash Machine's new management — G.M. Jeff Block and news director Andrew Finlayson — are off to a great start ...

Anyone care to guess who wrote the theme song for domestic goddess Martha Stewart's syndicated show, seen here on KPIX? Surprise: It's bluesman Keb 'Mo', showing us Martha's funky side (yeah, right) ...

Finally today, this from Alameda reader Alan Gold, clearly disgusted after switching off CNN's coverage of the president's joint press conference with Russian President Vladimir Putin: "Bush has his finger on the nuclear trigger, and he can't even pronounce the damned word."

I was dismayed by this, too, during the live speech about what Bush called a "historic" arms-reduction pact. With all due respect, Mr. President, it's "NEW-cleer" not "NEW-kyu-ler." Just like it's spelled.

Questions? Comments? E-mail Newsmann@sonic.net

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digging geek who is picked on in school. Then, a turn of events sends Diz, briefly, to jail. He's taken under the wing of Luther (Eddie Griffin), a veteran con. Luther teaches Diz what it takes to be street cool. Diz starts going by "Gill," changes his wardrobe, gets a tattoo and enrolls in a new school. Gill's a dangerous dude and catnip to the ladies. Nobody picks on him any more. But his remake image means he has less time for his nerdy pals. There are smart movies and funny movies on the subject of white kids taking on a black "gangsta" pose as an identity in high school, but this one is neither. — R. Moore. (PG-13: sexual content, language, crude humor, mild drug references.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. D

"NINE QUEENS": Sleight-of-hand filmmaking in this tricky — and yes, manipulative — thriller from Argentina that's preposterous and fun to watch. Two swindlers (Gaston Pauls and Ricardo Darin) meet by chance — or do they? — and hatch a plan that involves the sale and release of some priceless stamps. Enter the prospective buyers, shifty creations who become entangled in this con game where naivete may be the biggest bluff of all. — S. Holden. (NR) 1 hour, 55 minutes. B

"THE PIANO TEACHER": A marvelously twisted movie about a dangerously repressed Viennese piano teacher (Isabelle Huppert) and her relationship with a talented young student (Benoit Magimel). He thinks he's taking a musically gifted Mrs. Robinson on a voyage of discovery; instead, they embark on a cruise straight to hell on the good ship *Sex Fetish*. Be prepared: This isn't a pretty French film. The acting is incredible, though, and this is one of the most realistic depictions of sexual aberration ever made. — M. Polis. (NR: but includes extreme scenes of sexuality and self-mutilation.) 2 hours, 10 minute. A

"THE SCORPION KING": There are two choices: You can laugh at The Rock or laugh with him as he poses, flexes, glowers and piles drives his way through a string of violent dustups in ancient Egypt. The safe bet is you'll laugh with him. Reprising his brief role in last year's "The Mummy Returns," The Rock stars as Mathayus, one of the last survivors of an ancient race of assassins. At its core, the movie is a doozy of a street brawl, fueled by The Rock's hulking presence. He manages enough drollery in his delivery to convince audiences that someone's actually home beneath all that muscle. — D. Germain. (PG-13: intense sequences of action violence and some sensuality.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. C+

"SPIDER-MAN": Not high art by any means, but still that rare thing, an event movie that leaves you feeling

chipper, entertained and sated rather than ripped-off. Director Sam Raimi treats the material at hand with the loving, careful touch of someone who knows and treasures this bedtime story as much as we do, while Tobey Maguire makes such a compelling Peter Parker that it's a bit of a disappointment whenever he puts on the mask to make an appearance as Spider-Man. The bummer include product placements, the appearance of Macy Gray, hopelessly out of place, and some action sequences that bore a bit. — M. Polis. (PG-13: stylized violence and action.) 2 hours, 1 minute. B+

"SPIRIT: STALLION OF THE CIMARRON": From *Flicka* to *Black Beauty*, every great horse story must have an element of tragedy. The biggest tragedy in this animated family film is the cheesy Bryan Adams soundtrack, which really puts a damper on what is otherwise a lovely film. Spirit is a wild mustang stallion who roams the American frontier with his pack of mares, until he's captured by the Cavalry and put to work. The Adams sapstap aside, there's a lot of heart to this story, and the animators have rendered a version of the West so beautiful, your kids may be clamoring for a driving tour of our national parks this summer. — M. Polis. (G) 1 hour, 22 minutes. B

"STAR WARS— EPISODE II: AT-ATACK OF THE CLONES": As *Yoda* might say, still many questions, we have. The right questions, some of them are. Get you back to the theater for "Episode III," they will. Irritating, others are. Stand alone, "Attack of the Clones" doesn't. Better than "Phantom Menace," but still a far cry from its original "Star Wars" roots. Too computerized, too ponderous and at two hours and 22 minutes, too long. Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) is such a brat, you'll question what Padmé (Natalie Portman) sees in him, but romance does blossom between them. — M. Polis. (PG: sustained sequences of sci-fi action/violence.) 2 hours, 22 minutes. C+

"UNFAITHFUL": "Fatal Attraction" and "Indecent Proposal" director Adrian Lyne completes his trilogy of infidelity with this steamy bit of soft porn starring Diane Lane as a suburban housewife who strays on her staid husband (Richard Gere) with a French book dealer. Lane is fantastic, in and out of her many evocative sex scenes. Be warned: Like her, you'll pay for your pleasure in the movie's second half, a cautionary tale of reckoning. Lyne stays true to "Unfaithful's" roots, a French movie called "La Femme Infidèle," and left the ending a tad ambiguous. — M. Polis. (R: sexuality, language and a scene of violence.) 2 hours, 3 minutes. B

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\$6 general; \$4 seniors and students; free children age 5 and under; second Sundays free to all. Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; first Friday of the month, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. 1000 Oak St., Oakland. (888) OAK-MUSE or www.museumca.org

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day through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1034 13th St., Oakland. (510) 763-0141.

**JUDAH L. MAGNES MUSEUM** —

"Telling Time: To Everything There Is A Season," closing May 31. An exhibit structured around the seasons of the year and the seasons of life with objects ranging from the sacred and the secular, to the provocative and the whimsical. Highlights from Jewish and other cultures, such as Tibetan and Mexican-American, include treasures from ceremonial and folk art, rare books and manuscripts, contemporary and traditional fine art, video, photography and cultural kitsch.

Free. Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. (510) 549-6950 or www.magnesmuseum.org

**OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA** — "Scene in Oakland, 1852-2002: Artworks Celebrating the City's 150th Anniversary," through Aug. 25. An exhibition of paintings, drawings,

watercolors and photographs dating from 1852 to 2002 featuring views of Oakland by 48 California artists. "The Rustler Ranch Mastodon Project," ongoing. Visitors are invited to watch staff members of the Natural Sciences Department prepare a nearly complete mastodon for exhibit. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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## Newspaper

■ **East Bay French American School** transforms into "La Place du Marche," from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 2. The school's lower campus, located at 1009 Heinz Ave., and 9th Street in Berkeley will transform into an authentic French marketplace complete with music, food, and specialized vendor booths, all with a delightfully French atmosphere. Admission is \$5; children 12 and under are free. "La Place du Marche" and raffle is the largest fund-raiser for the school. For more information, visit the school's Web site at [www.ebfas.org](http://www.ebfas.org).

■ **The Kala Art Institute**, 1060 Heinz Ave., continues its "Solas: The Contemporary Monoprint" exhibit through June 15. This is the second in the gallery's series of exhibitions exploring a particular printmaking process. Art historian Peter Selz will sign his new monograph "Nathan Oliveira," from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 1. Gallery hours: Reservations are suggested. Call 549-2977 for more information.

■ **A.C.C.I. Gallery**, 1652 Shattuck Ave., continues its "Organic" exhibition featuring six Bay Area artists, through June 14. The artists are Barbara Bobs, photography; Jean Heast, watercolor and acrylic; Vannie Keightley, prints; Lynne Meade, ceramics; D.B. Porter, India ink/watercolor; and William Shinn, ceramics. Gallery hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 843-0305, or visit the Web site at [www.transparenttheater.org](http://www.transparenttheater.org).

■ **The Attitude Dance Company** presents "Dream a Dance," at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, June 1, at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave. The company specializes in jazz, hip-hop, street funk, modern, lyrical and attitude. Tickets: \$12 in advance at the door; \$10 students; \$8 children under 6. Call CBN Ticket line 925-798-1300.

■ **First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley**, 2407 Dana St., continues its Caregivers Survival series workshop with "Managing the Stressful Relationship between Caregiver and Care Receiver," from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 8. Paul Takayagai, MA, gerontology and education director will explore new ways to avoid burn out from caregiving. The workshop is free, includes a full breakfast and parking. Registration is requested. Call Alicia Shaffer at 848-6522 ext. 241 or 848-6242. For questions or more information, call Kate Gong at 548-1133.

■ **Trinity Chamber Concerts** present "Songs of Orpheus," at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, at the Trinity Chapel, Dana at Duran in Berkeley. The concert is a recital of ayres and music by the Elizabethan composer John Dowland. Performers are early music specialists Zoe Vandermer (voice and harp) and Franklin Lei (lute.) For more information, call 534-7464 or visit the Web site at [www.zoe-productions.org](http://www.zoe-productions.org).

■ **The Baroque Choral Guild Chorus** concluded its 23rd season with "Pipes and Drums," at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 1, at the First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton, Palo Alto, and at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 2, at First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. A preview lecture begins 30 minutes before each performance. Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 for seniors and students. For tickets or more information, call the Baroque Choral Guild at 650-969-4095.

■ **First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley**, 2407 Dana St., presents bluegrass

musical "Cotton Patch Gospel," at 8 p.m. June 7, 8, 14 and 15. The award-winning production retells the story of Jesus in the 20th century American South. Tickets: advance \$10 general, students \$7; \$12 general at the door, \$9 students at the door. For more information, call 848-6242 or visit the Web site at [www.fpcberkeley.org](http://www.fpcberkeley.org).

■ **Julia Morgan Center for the Arts** presents Hossein Alizadeh and Majid Khalaj in a Traditional Persian Music Concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 9. Alizadeh plays the tar and performs, composes and arranges contemporary traditional Persian music. Khalaj is a virtuoso tombak and daf player from Iran. Both are masters of their form. Julia Morgan Theater is located at 2640 College Avenue. Tickets: \$22. Call CBN ticket line at 925-798-1300 or visit the Web site at [www.theaterarea.org](http://www.theaterarea.org).

■ **Nyingma Institute** offers "Stimulating Healing and Renewal through Tibetan Yoga," at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 2, at the Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place. Admission is free. For more information, call 843-6812.

■ **Transparent Theater**, 1901 Ashby Ave., continues its production of Lisa Dillman's "What Can Know," through June 9. Hours: 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and 7 p.m. Sundays. The play is a seething comedy about four city-dwelling thirty-somethings who become entangled in a game of unexpected consequences. Admission: \$20. Sundays, pay what you can. For tickets and more information, call 883-0305, or visit the Web site at [www.transparenttheater.org](http://www.transparenttheater.org).

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■ **Berkeley Arts Magnet** students perform "The Lion King," at 7 p.m. May 30, 31, and June 4, and 5, at Whittier Arts Magnet Auditorium, 1645 Milvia St., Berkeley. One of only six schools throughout the state of California selected to receive both the California Distinguished Schools Award, and the Excellence in the Arts Award. The students, for the first time in 20 years, are presenting a musical as a single multi-media art event. Admission is free, reservations are required. For more ticket information, call 527-8369 or e-mail [lionking@profacto.com](mailto:lionking@profacto.com).

■ **The Berkeley High School Jazz Ensemble** and combos and the Lab Band perform at 7 p.m. Friday, May 31, at the Florence Schwimley Little Theatre, 1920 Alston Way. Tickets are available only at the door for \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors. BHS staff and students. The box office will open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 548-8026 or visit the Web site at [www.berkeleyhighjazz.org](http://www.berkeleyhighjazz.org).

■ **Teen Support Group** meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free support group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. For more information, call PediatricCare at 531-7551.

■ **Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library.** Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

■ **Hall of Health**, 2320 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to regiter, call 642-5134.

■ **Theater Rats**, Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

■ **Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group** meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

■ **YWCA Health and Community Education**; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

■ **Rei East Bay Regional Park District** and East Bay Area Trails Council are hosting a trail maintenance project in Redwood Regional Park in the Oakland hills from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 1 with an optional camp-out Friday, May 31. For a fun morning of outdoor activities repairing damaged trails. No prior experience is necessary; the park staff provides all tools and supervision. Pre-registration is required. Group size is limited to 150. For more information or to pre-register for the event, call 527-7377.

■ **Visit six private gardens in Berkeley**

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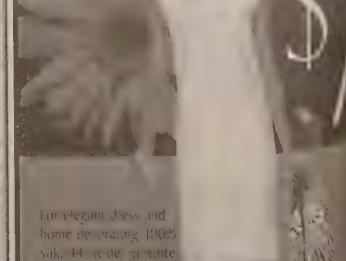
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Section D

## Questions and Answers: Students diagnose problem [D2]

VERN PARKER  
Classic Classics

### Studebaker comes a family heirloom

George Howard liked to get his money's worth out of any product he purchased. So after more than 10 years of use, when his 1952 Studebaker was showing its age, he replaced it with a 1952 Studebaker President Sedan.

The 3,655-pound car had a base price of \$1,205. Two years later it was off on a lengthy vacation in the nearly new car, accompanied by his wife, son, daughter and young grandson George. The three generations drove along in the Studebaker from Long Island, N.Y., near the Canadian border, to Miami, Fla.

Because this prewar excursion completed without the benefit of modern interstate highways, the occupants of the Studebaker had a abundance of time to be with the car.

The original owner of the car in 1952, the vehicle was sold to one of his sons, Porter, in Delmar, N.Y.

Only years later, with his deteriorating, the second owner traded the Studebaker over to his son, George Howard Jr., grandson of the original owner and who had made the 1940 purchase.

Howard, who then lived on Long Island, rented a flatbed truck to move the then 34-year-old Studebaker.

Howard discovered his grand-

son's Studebaker would run —

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THE 2003 COROLLA from Toyota has been redesigned with more European styling, improved aerodynamics and a quality ride and handling, plus more precise braking. Overall, it's a substantial car for the money.

## New Toyota Corolla is a blend of style and substance

### MOTOR MATTERS

I smiled when a friend asked how much the Toyota Corolla cost. "About \$14,000," I said. I like the surprised reactions I get when people hear this price.

The attractive Corolla sitting in the parking lot of the marina had caught my friend's eye.

Although the base price for the all-new 2003 Corolla lineup actually starts at just \$13,370, the exterior styling suggests Toyota's popular-selling sedan should cost much more.

The compact five-passenger

Corolla is available in three trim levels: CE, S and LE.

I explained to my friend that the new appearance is much more European-looking, a style which seems to be hottest look of the day. My Corolla S tester, with a base price of \$14,515, looked even sharper with the Sport Plus Package.

The optional \$825 feature included a rear spoiler and 15-inch tires and alloy wheels. The sporty look didn't stop with the spoiler. The S model also featured smoked headlamps, side rocker panels and

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fog lights.

First launched in Japan in 1966, the Corolla is in its ninth generation. The 2003 model is longer, taller and wider than the previous version.

Toyota describes the new look as much more substantial, defined by a muscular, athletic and upscale body.

And, the aerodynamics of the Corolla have been improved with a

reduced coefficient of drag, from 0.31 to 0.296.

The S tester, equipped with a five-speed manual transmission, had EPA fuel economy ratings of 32 miles per gallon city and 40 mpg highway.

The test-drive sedan had several other optional features, bringing the total "as-tested" price to \$17,270 — a remarkably low figure — considering all the content on the S model.

For example, some of the optional items that enhanced the tester included anti-lock brakes (\$300); driver and front passenger seat-

mounted, side-impact airbags (\$250); and power windows and remote keyless entry (\$605).

On the inside, the Corolla S had lots of standard content, making it a great value in its compact class segment.

Equipment features included a leather-wrapped steering wheel, sport leather-wrapped shift lever, chrome accents, air conditioning, plus power door and mirrors, dual front airbags and three-point safety belts.

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## Classic

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just barely — and he took several measures to improve the situation. Installing an electric fuel pump solved a persistent fuel delivery problem to the 250-cubic-inch straight-eight-cylinder engine. In good health the engine produces 110 horsepower.

Findings parts for a car of which only 5,474 were manufactured can present a daunting challenge. In 1977, Howard was transferred by the New York Telephone Co. to Buffalo where he continued his endeavor to return his grandfather's Studebaker to presentable — if not like new — condition.

The Studebaker was loaded into the moving van along with the household goods and furniture. Upon retirement in 1981, Howard wanted to move to Florida; however, he didn't want to place the Studebaker under the stress such a trip would cause so he trailered it to Cape Coral, Fla.

Although the car is approaching 65 years of age, the odometer is just now nearing 48,000 miles, a figure Howard believes is accurate. Accessories include a heater, clock, overdrive and seat covers. "With the seat covers off," Howard says, "the upholstery should look like new."

The famous Studebaker Hill Holder was standard equipment on the President as well as the 18-gallon gasoline tank. Now that Howard has moved to North Ft. Myers, where the terrain is mostly flat, he reports city mileage of about 12 miles per gallon.

"On the highway in its heyday," Howard says, "it

could get 18 to 19 miles per gallon, with overdrive."

The 16-foot, 7 1/4-inch-long car rides on a 122-inch wheelbase supported by 6.50x16-inch tires. "I just replaced the tires," Howard says. "The ones on the car were about 50 years old."

The spare tire is mounted vertically behind the back seat in the trunk.

Owning a relatively rare car of this vintage means always searching for parts. Howard recalls the lengthy search three years ago for a rear transmission oil seal. He eventually located one in Illinois.

Over the years the laminated glass has separated and Howard has replaced the panes as necessary. Thus far that includes both windshields and the windows in both front doors.

The car has a dozen windows so the replacement process may take awhile.

As long as the Studebaker is moving, the angular wing vent windows keep the occupants comfortable. "There's no air conditioning, but the windows really scoop the air in," Howard says.

The car is used locally now. The longest trip since moving to Florida has been to a Studebaker event about 75 miles away in Sarasota. Howard recalls making the trouble-free 150-mile round trip behind the three-spoke banjo-style steering wheel.

Howard's wife, Constance, presented him with the special "Old Honey" license plate. Back when the Studebaker was new, Howard's parents took him to visit his grandfather and upon first seeing the car the young boy exclaimed, "It's a honey!" That is how the family has referred to the car ever since.

"Old Honey is the car, not me," Howard's wife clar-

ifies. Howard says that when he gets tired of keeping "Old Honey" running, his son William in New York has expressed a desire to become the fourth generation of Howards to own this treasured 1938 Studebaker

President Cruising Sedan

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## Air conditioner blower works on one speed

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**Q** My 1990 Buick LeSabre air conditioner blower won't run on the low speeds most of the time. High speed runs fine and low speeds run occasionally.

I have replaced the four-position blower switch and the wire resistor part under the hood without success. Any ideas?

William Norton, Huntsville, Ala.

**A** I ran your situation by my students, who have virtually memorized this circuit as part of their electrical diagnostic training.

Their answers were unanimous: The LeSabre needs a new blower relay (GM part 25553347).

This part, located on the firewall above and to the right of the blower motor, passes electrical current to the motor for the three lower speeds through a pair of normally closed contacts.

When high speed is selected, the relay is energized and a third contact directs battery voltage directly to the blower motor.

Over time, switches and relays can develop oxidized or burnt contacts, resulting in poor or intermittent circuit operation.

To verify the faulty relay, attempt to run the blower on one of the inoperative speeds, and tap on the relay a few times with a screwdriver handle, or jump the dark blue and

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Auto Questions and Answers

purple wires together (insert a large paper clip or wire into the back side of the relay's wiring connector).

If the blower comes to life, the relay contacts are faulty. If not, the problem lies in the dark blue wire or medium-high resistor (highly unlikely).

**Q** The "check engine" light came on in my 1996 Ford Explorer late last year.

I took it to the local Ford dealership shortly afterward, and they detected a catalytic converter failure, and recommended replacing it.

Although the original equipment part costs \$800, a generic replacement is available from a local muffler shop for about \$200.

Since the performance and gas mileage appeared to be unaffected by the problem, I decided to postpone replacing the catalytic converter.

The light has repeated several times during the 7,000 miles the vehicle has been driven since the fault was diagnosed. The vehicle currently has about 98,500 miles on it.

Do I really need a new catalytic converter or could something else

be causing the problem?

**Nelson May, Baton Rouge, La.**

**A** There can be dozens of reasons for your "check engine" light to come on.

If you're sure the cause was (and still is) a catalytic converter reduced efficiency code, the converter is either weak or damaged.

Catalytic converters can be damaged, or their lives shortened, by engine-control system faults, cylinder misfiring or physical impact damage.

The Explorer's OBD-II diagnostic system checks the converter for oxygen storage capacity frequently; it will illuminate the check engine light if it fails short.

If it is a weak converter, should you change it?

A degraded converter will not harm vehicle performance, but you'll be emitting higher emissions than normal, and you might not pass an emissions inspection.

The answer lies between you and your conscience.

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**THIS 1938 Studebaker President Cruising Sedan, one of only 5,474 made, has been in the family for three generations. The car has 48,000 miles and gets about 12 miles to the gallon, city roads in Florida.**

**ifies. Howard says that when he gets tired of keeping "Old Honey" running, his son William in New York has expressed a desire to become the fourth generation of Howards to own this treasured 1938 Studebaker President Cruising Sedan**

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## Keane

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Most buyers select sedans for the passenger convenience of getting in and out of the vehicle.

The Corolla tester even had improvements in this area. Interior designers not only improved the seats with better support for all occupants, they raised seating H-points for an easier entry and exit.

The powerplant, mated to the manual transmission, proved to be an extraordinary little performer.

As I manually shifted through all the five gears, the performance was healthy and enthusiastic.

I felt a stronger, sturdier body when driving into corners, as well as tighter and more secure handling qualities. The body structure was confidence-inspiring.

Toyota engineers say this new Corolla is quicker and faster than past versions.

The sporty sedan is powered by a 1.8-liter, four-cylinder twin-cam engine that generates 130 horsepower at 6,000 rpm (5 horsepower over the previous model) and 125 pound-feet of torque at 4,200 rpm.

**2003 TOYOTA COROLLA**  
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Suggested Retail .....  
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Engine Type ..... 16-valve, 1.8-liter twin cam

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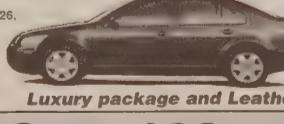


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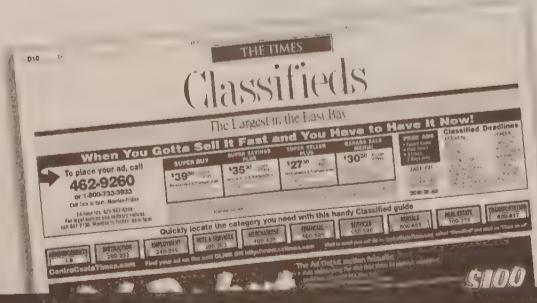
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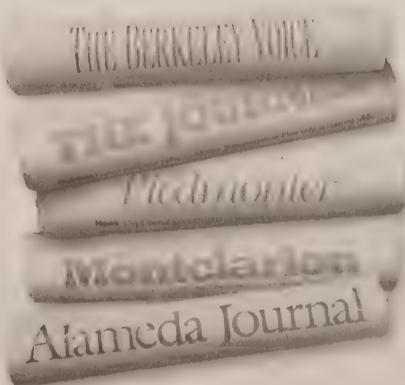
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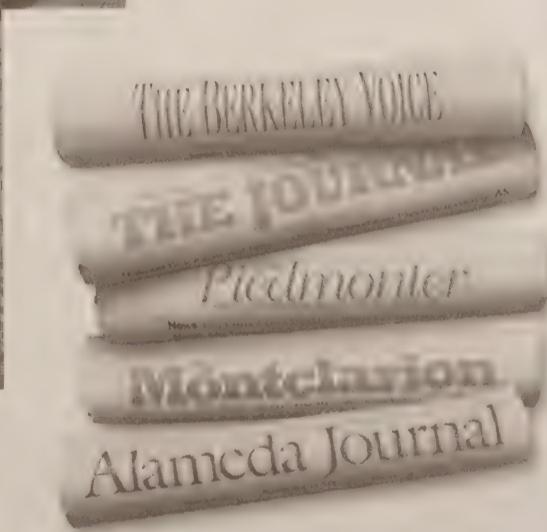




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# The works: The refined taste of the well-bread sandwich

BY WILLIAM RICE  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Perhaps you have noticed an increase in the number and type of sandwiches being offered in restaurants both plain and fancy. Industry statistics show that sales have been increasing steadily across the country for what the trade calls "custom-made" sandwiches, some classics and others innovations. Meanwhile, quality-oriented sandwich shops such as Potbelly Sandwich Works are cloning themselves and some, including the Cosi chain, have launched "dinner" sandwiches.

With the fantastic selection of gourmet foods — including deli meats, smoked and cured fish, marinated vegetables and exotic condiments — available in markets, it is likely that more sandwiches are being created in home kitchens as well.

Of course, no sandwich is better than the bread that surrounds the filling. Again, we are blessed with a ready supply of freshly handcrafted breads and the selection continues to improve. Yet certain breads are difficult, if not impossible, to locate, and certain sandwiches, mostly ethnic, taste absolutely wrong unless made with the "right" bread.

I was delighted, therefore, after bemoaning the absence of the particularly light and airy product called "Cuban bread," to hear from Dean Pine, owner of the Las Villas Bakery in Chicago. "Come on in,"

he announced, "we've got your bread and a lot of other stuff too."

The bakery, surprisingly large with spartan decor, also functions as a restaurant and catering operation. It produces puff-pastry pastelitos, appetizers filled with guava jelly and cream cheese; sheet and round dessert cakes in a variety of fruit flavors; delicious roast pork, including whole pigs; and Cuban sandwiches.

The bread was fine, a long, large loaf with a thin, crackly crust and soft but tasty interior. Las Villas produces individual, torpedo-shaped loaves as well, but if making sandwiches for a group, the Cuban loaf is the one you should use. (Be aware that this bread goes stale in about as much time as it takes to scoop up a tablespoon of mayonnaise. Buy it the same day you plan to use it.)

A true Cuban sandwich calls for slices of ham and roast pork along with cheese, mustard and pickles. That's easy enough, you say, but there's a twist to the final preparation. The sandwich is put into a press, a distinctive piece of kitchen equipment that looks like a cross between a waffle iron and a dry cleaner's steam press. Presses of various sizes and prices are on sale at some kitchenware shops and restaurant supply firms. They, and the Cuban sandwich, already are on the 15-minutes-of-fame treadmill, so buying one might be the right move if you have a trophy kitchen. Short of that, consider

the jury-rig method proposed in the recipe that follows.

## JIMMY BANNOS' GRILLED SHRIMP PO'BOY SANDWICH

For the remoulade sauce:

1 cup mayonnaise  
2 tablespoons each Creole

mustard, ketchup and finely

chopped parsley  
1/2 cup finely chopped green

onions  
1/4 cup small capers

1 teaspoon each chopped garlic and hot pepper sauce

For the sandwiches:

12 large shrimp, shelled and

deveined  
6 tablespoons olive oil

2 teaspoons Creole spice mix

1 loaf Cuban bread  
1 clove garlic, peeled and cut in half

Shredded iceberg lettuce  
1 large ripe tomato, sliced thin

■ In a medium bowl, prepare the remoulade by blending mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, parsley, green onions, capers, chopped garlic and hot pepper sauce.

■ In a separate bowl, coat the shrimp with 2 tablespoons olive oil and the Creole spice. Grill or broil the shrimp, turning once, until

cooked through, about 3 minutes.

■ Cut loaf vertically into 4 six-inch pieces, then cut each piece horizontally not quite all the way through. If desired, pull out some of the bread and discard. Brush the inside of each piece with remaining oil and rub the oil-coated bread with garlic halves. Toast the bread until lightly browned, about 3 minutes.

■ Let the bread cool slightly, then layer lettuce, tomato and shrimp on each piece. Top with remoulade and close sandwiches or pass remoulade in a sauceboat at the table.

Makes four sandwiches.

Jimmy Bannos, a devotee of New Orleans fare, is chef-owner of Chicago's three Heaven on Seven restaurants.

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CUBAN SANDWICH  
Cuban bread  
spiciness mustard, American  
cheese or gravy  
ounces ham, thinly sliced  
ounces cooked pork shoulder  
ounces ham, thinly sliced  
ounces queso blanco, thinly  
American cheese, thinly

ounces dill pickle  
spoonfuls unsalted butter  
heat an oven with a rack  
in the lower third to 350  
°F. Cut loaf vertically to  
about 1/2-inch pieces, then cut  
each piece horizontally not quite  
all the way through.  
Set and spread both open  
sandwiches with mustard. Place ham  
inside of each open sandwich  
and pork atop the other.  
Place one slice of cheese atop  
each sandwich. Place another atop  
the top one side with a line  
of cheese slices. Close each sandwich  
pressing top and bottom to  
make a tight seal.

Melt butter in a pan, non-stick preferred, and place the sandwiches in the pan. (If necessary, use two pans or cook two sandwiches at time.) Transfer the pan to the oven and carefully place a cast-iron skillet atop the sandwiches. Bake until the sandwiches are crisp on top and bottom, and the filling is warm, 7 to 8 minutes.

Makes 4 servings.

Tom Valenti, chef-owner of Ouest on Manhattan's Upper West Side, calls this sandwich "a perfect blend of temperatures, textures and flavors." Lacking a sandwich press, try his improvised approach. It involves placing a cast-iron skillet atop the sandwiches to help flatten, heat and crisp them. The recipe is adapted from his new cookbook, "Welcome to My Kitchen."

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